

Theme: Generation Restoration: Shaping our Future

Flooding in Nigeria

It was a normal day for the people of Mokwa, Niger state. Normal activities being carried out. Heavens opened, its continuous descent causing panic as dry grounds becomes burial grounds for those who could not swim. More than 500 people confirmed dead and 600 still missing, that as reported those not found at that moment couldn't be alive. Lives lost, properties destroyed, displacement from homes, outbreak of waterborne diseases - sadly these are common occurrences every rainy season in Nigeria.

Causes

According to reports, major cause was heavy rainfall, collapse of a nearby dam, poor drainage and deforestation. Natural cause was seen but man made cause was predominant. The effects of poor drainage, deforestation can't be overemphasized.

Solutions

The heartbreak at Mokwa town would always occur as rainfall can't be controlled but its drastic effect can be reduced. Awareness should be made especially in flood prone areas and rainy season. Stricter laws should be enforced for defaulters of poor waste management or deforestation as an entire town suffers! The government should play their part, routine management of dam should be done.

Shaping our future, is a collective part. My part I will play, you too!