

LIGHTNING STRIKE AT KIFUMURA PRIMARY SCHOOL IN HOIMA DISTRICT INJURED 16 PUPILS 4 ON FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Below are a few of the RECENTLY recorded lightning incidences that took place within Hoima district

- ✓ On 8th August 2011 Lightning struck one person dead and destroyed dried tobacco leaves in Kyabigambire Sub County Hoima district.
- ✓ On the 4th July 2011 Lightning has struck St. Andrea Kaahwa Secondary school in Hoima district leaving 14 students admitted.
- ✓ Aug 7, 2013 - The students are admitted at EDPA Medical Centre in Hoima town. The lightning struck the school during a heavy downpour.



Looking at the many incidences of lightning strikes within Hoima districts it is an indication that we need put more emphasis on community sensitization on the protective measures so as to prevent more occurrences of lightning injuries and death.



LEFT: Inside the sitting/rest room with 11 year old Aye bale William, h 11 year old Aye bale William, Unable to properly communicate to me, he looked traumatized and confused RIGHT: 11 year old Aye bale in the middle with Mother and Uncle outside their mud made house in Kifumira Village.

Ayebale seemed to have developed a hearing impairment and stress.



Kifumira Primary School in Buhanika sub-county in Hoima district where lightning injured 16 pupils

Mr. Stephen Mugisa Rujumba who was conducting a science lesson in Primary four was also not spared in an incident that occurred at about 12.40pm on Friday.

There was NO visible LIGHTNING PROTECTION OF ANY KIND.

Reported ailments after the lightning strike

- ✚ Headache, most of the survivors complained of prolonged headache which has persisted even after taking a lot of pain killers
- ✚ Ear Effects. High pressure shock waves from thunder crated blast effects leading to ruptured tympanic membranes making some of the survivors to develop hearing difficulty
- ✚ Chest pain was also common with many of the survivors
- ✚ Back pain was also another observation from 3 other survivors
- ✚ Vomiting that happened immediately after the lightning strike also took place
- ✚ Trauma and stress related to the lightning strike/injury

IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

1. The media mis-spelt the name of the school.
2. The teacher, Mr. Stephen Mugisa was not reported.
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OTHER PICTURES



Figure 1 Inside the Primary 4 class with three survivors where lightning struck and injured 16 pupils



Figure 2 Outside the primary 4 class room with three survivors where lightning struck and injured 16 pupils



Figure 3 Mud made classroom blocks constructed for the lower section/younger pupils



Figure 4 Nabakoza Mary, Nakimera Rose Mary and Nakawuki Rukia with their mothers Terera Nakamya, Kiiza Norah and Nakanja Scovia respectively pose for a photo with Nicholas Opio a volunteer from ACLENet



Figure 5 At Wagesa village Bwanika parish 3 kilometers from Kifumira primary school with 3 survivors with their mothers along side



Figure 6 Namawunge Jenifer primary 3 class teacher quarters near Kifumira primary school pose with Nicholas Opio for a photo