**Update on Three February 2022 Lightning Events in Rwanda**

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Event 1

For these students-victims from EP-APPEK and GS-Buguri, Rukoma Sector, Kamonyi District, last Thursday 24 February, early afternoon, lightning struck them while they were at the school's playground .

Event 2

As for the 30 students-victims from GS-Gihinga, in Kinzuzi Sector of Rulindo District, lightning struck them while they were gathering at school as well. If you read that report well, you would have noticed that It equally damaged four classrooms, the school administration office, and the electrical transmission line at that same time. This occurred last Wednesday, 23 February.

Event 3

There is also another schoolgirl, the late Liliane Uwera, from Rwesero Cell, Kagano Sector, of Nyamasheke District whom, during the evening hours of 19th February 2022 was struck by lightning, but it occurred, when she was hurrying back home from school, in a bid to fleeing lightning, so that it may strike, when she had arrived home. It had been raining, that whole afternoon.

Lightning protection status in Rwanda

Yes, some of the very schools here are protected from lightning, although with fake-Chinese made equipment, but a huge campaign across the country ought to be made, accompanied by massive original lightning protection equipment, if we are to save these vulnerable pupils and students, teachers, and everyone else that's around these schools. The Ministry of Education doesn't even have a unity in place assigned to ensuring these schools protection, but the Ministry of Emergency has got such a large, shallow, and vague strategy and department, meant to coordinate thus intervene into this, obviously, with the close collaboration with the Ministry of Education.