**Lightning Strike Kills Mother and Child in Kisoro, Infant Survives – Uganda**

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Shock and grief have engulfed residents of Iremera Village, Ruhande Parish, Kirundo Subcounty in Kisoro District after a tragic lightning strike claimed the lives of a mother and her young child.

The deceased have been identified as Miria Kizanye (45) and her three-year-old daughter Witness Dushimimana, who died instantly when lightning struck their home during a heavy storm at around 9:30 PM on Friday night.

At the time of the incident, the father, Mukiza Charles, was reportedly in Kibale District attending a prayer service.

Eyewitnesses say there were three people inside the house when the lightning struck, the two victims and a three-month-old infant, who miraculously survived.

Residents said they initially did not suspect any fatalities, despite hearing the infant crying throughout the night. It was only on Saturday morning that neighbors entered the house and discovered the lifeless bodies of Miria and her daughter.

As of press time, Mandela Epaphra, a resident, was transporting the surviving infant to Potters Village for medical attention. Locals are now calling on authorities to urgently intervene and support the orphaned child.