

The Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) has revealed that two lives have been lost in the Abule Egba area of Lagos, as a man died while trying to rescue a toddler who fell into a well. The toddler's body is yet to be recovered as a result of the thick mud and depth of the well.

According to LASEMA's statement, signed by the Permanent Secretary, Dr. Olufemi Damilola Oke-Osanyintolu, the incident took place on Tuesday, October 20 at No. 4, Paul Street, inward Agbe Road, following the accidental fall of the compound cleaner's toddler into the well.

The agency revealed that a member of the Hausa community in the area attempted to save the toddler by entering into the well but became stuck, and later recovered dead.

Meanwhile, LASEMA reported that a distress call was received by the agency at 9:48 a.m, with its response team from the Igando Base, immediately deployed.

The rescue operation was a collaboration between LASEMA, the Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service, the Lagos State Neighbourhood Safety Corps and the Nigeria Police Force.

Regarding the remains of the deceased, the rescuer's remains were handed over to his relatives and members of the Hausa community for a customary burial.

On the other hand, the toddler's body remains unrecovered due to the thick mud and depth of the well.

Although the agency employed the service of a professional local diver, after unsuccessful attempts, the diver was only able to recover a shoe belonging to the toddler.

An expert assessment and consultation with the family and community leaders, followed by the conclusion of the operation by LASEMA.

Oke-Osanyintolu expressed condolences to the bereaved families and the Hausa community, while praising the courage of the rescuer.

The Lagos State Government, under Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, also extended its condolences to the families affected by the tragedy.



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The Agency urged residents to ensure that wells and other openings within residential premises are properly covered, raised and secured, especially in homes with young children.