

Flash Floods in Various Locations in the Kumasi Metropolis, Ashanti Region
(4 deaths confirmed)
Monday, September 27, 2021.

BACKGROUND/ DEMORGRAPHY

Map of the Ashanti Region



Source: <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Natasha-Potgieter/publication/333323397/figure/fig2/AS:761773925867523@1558632465441/District-map-of-Ashanti-Region-Ghana-Ghana-Statistical-Service-2015.png>

- ✓ District: Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly (KMA)
- ✓ The Kumasi Metropolitan is about 270 km north of the Accra, which is the national capital of Ghana, 120 km southeast of Sunyani the capital of the Bono Region and it is located between Latitude 6.35° N and 6.40° S and Longitude 1.30° W and 1.35° E and elevated 250 to 300 meters above sea level.
- ✓ Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly is one of the 260 Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies in Ghana and forms part of the forty-three districts in Ashanti Region, Ghana with Kumasi being its administrative capital.
- ✓ The metropolis is located in the central part of the Ashanti Region, with Kumasi as its capital city

INCIDENT PROFILE

Four persons have been confirmed dead on Monday, September 27, 2021, night's torrential rainfall which led to flooding in parts of the Ashanti region. According to the National Disaster Management Organisation, four bodies, including two nine-year-olds (a male and a female), have been retrieved. The male drowned at Kromoase, while the female died at Daban. Two others who went missing at Ahenema Kokoben and Sokoban are yet to be found.

Other areas of the city witnessed similar incidents, in which several houses were flooded as they were built along or within waterways. At Nhyiaeso, near Ahodwo, residents managed to rescue a man in his late forties from drowning as his truck got stuck in the raging flood waters. Part of a recently-constructed bridge has caved-in as the victim tried to cross the bridge with his truck.



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RISKS ANALYSIS:

Recurrent flooding is a cause for concern in the country as a whole. The flooding that has occurred in the Kumasi resulted in four fatalities, destruction of several properties and rendered others homeless. Given the centrality of Kumasi as the centre of economic activities in the northern sector of the country, the flooding has potential consequences on the socio-economic activities in the Ashanti region and other regions that depend on Kumasi as a source of economic activities.

MECHANISMS FOR INTERVENTIONS:

- A rescue team has successfully retrieved the bodies of two of the deceased
- The rescue team has continued the search for the other two bodies that are still missing.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Road networks devastated by the floods require immediate renovation to ease congestion, and facilitate movement of populations, goods and services and economic activities in the region .
- The National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) needs to facilitate improvements of early warning systems in the Kumasi Municipality to ensure timely flood risk alerts in the region. This will allow an enhanced early warning and response to disasters.
- Flash points should be identified through disaster risk mapping and assessment by the NADMO to enhance effective and proactive responses to natural disasters in the metropolis.
- KMA should strengthen collaboration with Assembly Members, NADMO, the media, Faith-Based Organisations, CSOs and other relevant agents to embark on mass public sensitization on environmental risks, sanitation and effective waste management to mitigate potential disasters especially floods.

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