

One of the heaviest rains which have ever hit Accra Municipality this year threatened damage to buildings and property but for the timely efforts of the people and the Government to combat the floods.

The first major step by the Government was the construction of a flood control bridge on Ring Road West which was to drain all flood water into the Kariakoo Lagoon now being reclaimed.

In spite of the success achieved by the initial anti-flood schemes, the very heavy rains which hit the municipality this year was a real problem to workers and people going about their daily business.

In Accra schools were closed down ahead of schedule to protect schoolchildren from excessive flood, and working hours were at times changed according to the rainy weather.

The most badly hit area affected by the floods were the Ring Road West areas and the outskirts of Accra leading to Nsamen where old houses were collapsing (shots 21) and furniture was freely floating in the water.

At Avenor three miles out of town people used boats on the street and others were wading knee deep in order to get across a street. Traffic was blocked and vehicles had their engines switched off by excessive entry of water.

Kumasi Nkrumah Station, the new railway centre near Ring Road West, was very badly affected and the rail line was submerged at various points. It is hoped however that with the completion of the anti-flood scheme, resistance to floods in Accra will decrease in following years.

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FIGURE FOR RAINFALL RECORDED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS IN ONE DAY :AVERAGE

4.41 inches at Kameashie area

4.27 at Town Council Line, Ring Road East West

National Museum area 3.71 inches

Giving an average of 4 inches, quite high for lowland city of Accra.

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HEAVY RAINS CAUSE HAVOC IN MUNICIPALITY - ~~PEOPLE~~ FIGHT FLOODS

LOCATION : FLOODED AREAS IN ACCRA

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SCENE 1

Tri-X/D /Rt

LS A collapsed house
 MS A man looking at the condition of his property
 MLS People removing property from a dangerous house
 MS Various shots of people removing property
 MS Cutaway shots
 MS Various properties removed from the room
 MLS A wall falling
 MS, MLS, MS Cutaway of people looking on as wall falls

SCENE 2

Fino-X/D/Rt

MLS, MS Shots of lorries and cars wading through water on Noman Road
 MS Men pushing a taxi through the water .Other cars
 MLS A man cycling through the flooded street
 MLS A Chevrolet car wading through the water
 LS The overflow gutter and pan to lorries passing
 MLS Water flowing under a bridge at Kpoko on Ashineta road
 MLS People wading through flood at Avonor
 MLS A boat conveying people across the flood at Avonor
 MCU A man wading through the water
 MS A woman and two women wading through the water at Avonor

SCENE 3

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MLS A stranded truck
 MS Shots of the truck
 MCU People walking past with their feet sticking in the mud
 LS Pan right to left shows flooded part of Kwame Nkrumah Circle Railway Station
 MCU Insert of K.N.Circle Station
 LS Flooded rail line and people walking through flooded house
 MLS Victims look on as a house collapses .
 MLS People working at site of a collapsed house

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MLS LS MS Shots of people fighting floods. Properties being removed from room
 ,wall falls and furniture is being packed out of danger zone

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