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## Better and cohesive disaster plan (/node/71086)

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### FLOODS

AS a concerned citizen I would like to see better and more cohesive plans between the state and Federal governments especially where funds for disasters like floods are concerned.

There should be a fund in place contributed by the various states with a matching grant or double the state's contribution that is kept aside in times of need to fund the various requirements in the event of floods. This should include providing, shelter, food, rescues, medical services and so forth. There should also be in place a warehouse in various locations that houses equipment or supplies for floods and for other possible disasters.

This fund can also be contributed by the private sector and individuals that can be managed by a trust. This will provide ample funds when such need arise and not to resort with collection tins and hat in hand only when the need arise. When disasters happen the needs is immediate as it is first to get them to be safe and comfortable and later to help them to rebuild their lives including providing amenities, clothing and so forth.

With the many universities, institutes, NGOs and professionals they should also be able to come up with flood mitigation plans that should not always involve river deepening and widening. There should also be a comprehensive plan that involves everyone to ensure that any developments approved including design of houses should take into



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### Ghana and Algeria keep title dream alive (/node/71099)

MALABO, Equatorial Guinea: A late diving header by Andre Ayew took Ghana through to the quarter-finals of the Africa Cup of Nations on Tuesday alongside favourites Algeria in a dramatic denouement to Group C.



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account the natural needs for water flow where buildings near waterways, rivers or the sea should be designed differently to accommodate a sudden deluge instead of causing an unnatural block preventing the natural flow of water.

The developers and architects can take advantage of this by introducing new living style of being surrounded by canals or waterways or with houses or buildings on modern stilts high above waterways.

We need innovative ideas and concepts to work around and with nature allowing water to flow naturally. In my opinion flood mainly occurs because the natural water channels and drains are blocked and the water has nowhere to go.

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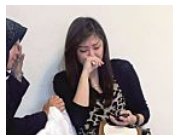
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