

3 lightning victims buried in Kisii (Kenya)

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Two women and a girl, who died after being struck by lightning last Tuesday, have been buried at Masabo village, Nyaribari Masaba.

Patricia Moraa Omanga, 70, Yunike Moraa Ongwae, 81, and Mogiti Okindo, 14, were killed at around 5pm while working in a farm.

Hundreds of mourners, including Kisii Deputy Governor Joash Maangi, attended the funeral on Thursday.

Maangi said that the county government will help the family with finances and moral support.

“It is painful to lose your loved ones in such circumstances,” he said.

Maangi said the county government has plans to prevent such deaths by installing lightning arresters in learning institutions and high places.

He said the county government has allocated Sh1 million for a mortuary in Gesusu to bring services closer to residents.

“It does not mean that a mortuary is our priority but we must face the reality that death is there and we need a cooler to preserve bodies before burial,” Maangi said.