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When the high waters came, it was too late for most of my village.

When it was over, a thick sea of water, house debris, and floating bodies coated the village grounds.

At the evacuation center, I watched from a televised broadcasting as my father and brother vanished amongst the second waves as they tried to pluck a survivor from the tip of a palm tree.