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Contemporary Issues in Building Failure and Collapse as an Environmental Challenge and Concerns for Developing World: A Review

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Abstract

The occurrence of building collapse and failure has become a major issue of concern in the development of this nation as the magnitudes of this incident are becoming very alarming and does not show any sign of abating. This paper examines contemporary issues in building collapse as a global environmental challenge and concerns for the developing world (Nigeria). Structural collapse occurs all over the world, but the rate of occurrence in Nigeria is more rampant and devastating in recent times. It remains a major challenge in developing countries, especially in Sub-Saharan Africa. Structural collapse occurs all over the world, but the rate of occurrence in Nigeria is more rampant and devastating. Building collapse remains a major challenge in Nigeria and the causes can be traced to abnormal factors not obtainable in many other developing nations. Apart from the generally known causes of collapse such as design flaws, ageing, material fatigue, extreme operational and environmental conditions, accidents, terrorist attacks and natural hazards, the Nigerian factor becomes a prominent issue to contend with. Relevant books, seminar papers, workshop papers, articles, etc. were reviewed so as to examine the general view of individuals that have worked on similar study. Data for the study were obtained through historical data of past building collapse in Nigeria. Against this backdrop, this paper examines contemporary issues in building collapse and posits that stakeholders in the building development have great roles to play to reduce and avert this ugly trend. To this end, this study contextually explores the remote causes of building collapse in Nigeria. This literature discourse will go a long way in reducing the building collapse phenomenon. Some recommendations (remedial measures) were made as part of lasting solutions to tackle the challenges. The paper in conclusion makes a case for strategies that could serve as a way forward for ameliorating the trend.

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Introduction

The worldwide worries for abrupt collapse of buildings across the globe, and in Nigeria specifically request that development and particularly plan of buildings be done with extraordinary consideration. Building breakdown is an outrageous instance of building disappointment. It implies the superstructure crashes down absolutely or somewhat (Arilesere 2000). Building Breakdown, however a typical peculiarity the world over is wilder and wrecking in the non-industrial nations. Consequently, building collapse and failure is to be sure an improvement that has added one more chip to the jigsaw of metropolitan rot, framework disappointment and tumultuous metropolitan turn of events.

According to Wardhana and Hadipriono (2003), breakdown and trouble are subsets of disappointment in a structure. In terms of functionality, breakdown happens when the whole or a significant piece of a design descends in this manner losing the capacity to carry out its role. Ikpo (1998), opined that the level of building collapse can be connected with the level of deviation of the structure from its construction state which as a rule addresses the OK norm inside the area, region, state or country.

The purpose of a building such as protection, safety or stability is destroyed if such a structure collapsed totally or partially (Olagunyi et al. 2013). Breakdown in building can be portrayed as the failure of the structure parts not being satisfactory to perform what are typically anticipated or expected of those parts. Then again, when part or entire design has fizzled and out of nowhere gave way in a manner that because of this disappointment, the structure couldn't meet the reason for which it was expected, the structure has imploded. Failure in building can happen during various phases of development process itself, as well as later. In Nigeria, the normal reasons for building breakdown have been followed to terrible plan, hasty construction, utilization of bad quality materials, rushed construction, establishment disappointment, absence of appropriate management, ineffectual authorization of building regulations by the applicable Town Planning Specialists, absence of adequate maintenance e.t.c. (Folagbade 2002; Badejo 2009).

Every structural framework is intended to address a specific objective and be protected to from coursing death, property and harm to the climate. In an ordinary set up, disappointments are not normal inside the extended life expectancy of designs. However, because of the blemish in the activities of people and the presence of such countless other outer variables that impact the wellbeing of designs, disappointments d happens (Ede 2010). By and large, structures really do flop over the long run because of human factors, for example, carelessness, plan blemishes, maturing, material weakness, outrageous functional and ecological circumstances, mishaps, fear-based oppressor assaults and regular perils. It is on these issues that this paper resolves the calculated issues of building cycle, circumstances and end results of building collapse in Nigeria and proposes ways of managing them with the essential point of leaving from shortcomings and lessening the misuse of living souls.

The paper will fundamentally analyze the jobs of partners in building and development industry and eloquent procedures that would assist with capturing these terrible events.

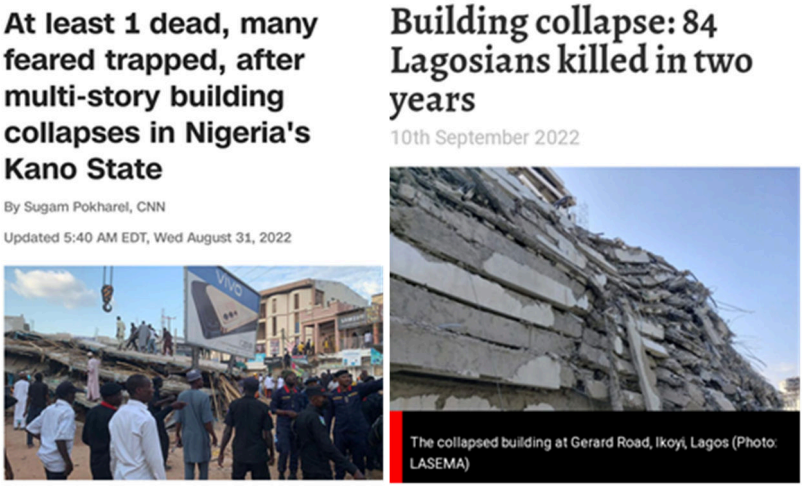


Figure 1 and 2
Examples of the danger of building collapse in Nigeria
Source:
CNN Punch Online, 2022

Methods

Secondary data from several academic articles, conference papers, seminar papers, workshop papers, textbooks, internets materials, news articles and publicly available materials on building collapse of past building collapse in Nigeria are reviewed for the purpose of this study.
The writers gathered materials, deemed relevant to building failure & collapse for the review. This enabled the researcher to make a synthesis of various scholars' views that have worked on similar study.

Significance of the research

This survey research is significant because it highlights the causes and solution for building failure and collapse in Nigeria. This paper will be useful to the construction industry as it will educate them more on the steps to take to forestall constant building failure in the country. This research is of importance to construction experts in the built environment, starting from the Architects, Engineers (Structural and Civil), Builders, Quantity Surveyors, Town Planners, Estate Surveyors and Valuers, Building Contractors to Landlords/Developers. It will enlighten them on building failures and the reason they must observe compliance when planning a building. The paper is equally of significance to the policy makers and other stake holders in taking proactive measures at curbing the ugly trend of building collapse in the state. It will also be useful to students and researchers as it will serve as a reference material to their study.

Literature review and theoretical underpinning:
The idea of building failure and breakdown

Building Disappointment of failure is normally a result of moderate crumbling or glitch of different components framing the structure unit or the whole. (Ikpo 1998) declares that the level of building failure can be

connected with the level of deviation of the structure from its construction state which much of the time addresses the adequate norm inside the area. Moreover, Ayuba (2012) declared that Disappointment could be credited to happen in a part when the singular parts that make up the part can never again be decreed solid in accomplishing its underlying expressed goals.

Failure is an inadmissible contrast among expected and noticed execution. A disappointment can be considered as happening in a part when that part can never again carry out its planned roles (Ayininuola and Olalusi 2005). As per Ikpo (1998), the level of building disappointment can be connected with the level of deviation of the structure from its as fabricated state which much of the time addresses the adequate norm inside the area, region, state or country. At the point when part or entire of a structure has fizzled and unexpectedly gave way, the structure, because of this disappointment, couldn't meet the reason for which it was planned, the structure is said to have fallen. Breakdown of building either aggregate or incomplete breakdown of a portion of its parts prompts the disappointment of working to carry out its planned role of security, wellbeing or solidness (Olagunyi et al. 2013). In this manner, the all-out disappointment of building components and parts can be alluded to as Building Breakdown.

Basic issues in the improvement of a structure construction

a. Basic Issues in the Improvement of a Structure Construction

i. The essential necessities that a design should fulfill might be summed up consequently:

ii. Every single individual from a primary framework ought to have the option to oppose, without disappointment or breakdown, the applied burden under help conditions. This requests that the materials of the design should be satisfactory to oppose the anxieties produced by the heaps and shape and size of the construction should be sufficient. In this way, a proportion of the capacity of a material of a design or the actual construction to oppose pressure without breaking is called its solidarity.

iii. Each part of a structure design ought to have the option to oppose distortion under stacking conditions. Distortion Suggests an adjustment of size or shape when a body is exposed to pressure. Exorbitant misshapenings that is disfigurements surpassing indicated satisfactory cutoff points will hinder the useful exhibition of a construction and any connected administrations.

iv Each part of a design should be steady. Generally, the entire design is thought to be unsound. Underlying steadiness is expected to keep up with shape. It is the capacity of a construction to hold, under load its unique condition of balance. In this manner, a shaky construction suggests unequal powers; thus, once a net power is acting, there will be an absence of balance and a resultant speed increase of the design or its parts.

b. Behaviour of Structural Systems

Building breakdown is typically a result of moderate crumbling of the different parts framing the structure unit. There are certain concepts that provide aid to understanding the overall behavior of any structural system. Once these concepts are taken care of, one is sure of the overall stability of the structure. These basic ideas are:

i. A Structure is subjected to loads/forces
ii. A structure is an assembly of elements. An understanding of the behavior of the structural elements is essential to the understanding of the behavior of the whole structural form.
iii. The load path for each load should be identified. Besides, the load path geometry should be established.
iv. The building geometric knowledge is important
v. Correct choice of materials and elements
vi. Efficient design of connections and joints
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viii. Interaction of the building structure with overall building construction

c. General Processes Involved in the Provision of any Building Structure.

In order to appreciate the seriousness of the issues culminating in building collapse, which is occurring in the country at an unpleasant and regular rate, there is need to review the general processes involved in the provision of any building structure. Where the appropriate procedures and principles are properly adhered to, the building will satisfactorily serve its intended use. But where these are compromised by act of commission or omission, buildings will continue to collapse.

Safety, Serviceability and Economy are critical issues to be considered in the process of providing any type of structure, be it for shelter, for public or for commercial use. Generally, the services of trained professionals such as architects, engineers, builders, etc. are important to ensure that these issues are within tolerable limits in order to attain optimum performance and designed service life span for the structures. These professionals employ their professional knowledge, experiences, state-of-the Art techniques, R&D, applicable specifications, codes and regulations in executing projects.

The execution of any infrastructural project general involves four stages. These are:

- Conceptual Stage
- Design stage
- Construction-Supervision stage
- Post-construction/Service stage

Conception stage

This stage involves several steps which include the planning for the project and conducting pre-feasibility studies in order to evaluate the technical options available for the provision of the structure. The aim is for the professionals to offer appropriate technical advice to the potential client on the proposed structure.

Design stage

This stage is critical. The aim here is to develop technical components of the project based on prevailing conditions of the project site and the environment. It involves the preparation of aesthetic design of the structure by the architect, the design detailing of the structural frames, choice of materials; establishment of the suitability of the project sites through site investigations, determination of resources required, obtaining relevant approvals from appropriate authorities, etc.

As pointed out by Kong and Evans (1975); Astill and Martin (1975) and Ejeh (2012), the aim of a structural design is to achieve a structure or building which fulfils the requirements of a client at a reasonable cost. The requirements include but are not limited to the following:

a. The structure/building shall be safe and not collapse
b. The structure shall be rigid and not be flexible to the extent that its motion and appearance cause alarm or discomfort to the users or occupants.
c. The structure shall have adequate factor of safety and should not require excessive repairs due to accidental overload or extreme weather conditions.
d. The structure shall be sufficiently fire resistant to allow the occupants escape in the case of fire.
e. Cost-effectiveness should be incorporated in the design in terms of initial costs (site preparation, cost of materials, and construction), maintenance costs (decorations, structural repairs), and insurance costs (mainly against fire, flood, hurricane, earthquake, etc.).

For the most part, the structure is planned inside the permissible determinations and codes of training, ordinarily for a base life expectancy of 50 years. It is normally intended for a definitive breaking point state and checked for usefulness limit states. As referenced before, functionality limit infringement act as pre-advance notice which permits precautionary departure for therapeutic allots to be conveyed; while Extreme Breaking point infringement brings about abrupt disastrous primary disappointment joined by absolute and additionally halfway breakdown and specialist loss of lives. The plan enumerating ought to incorporate Plan data, Computations, Definite Drawings, Timetables, Bill and Cost of the venture. The plan ought to be done and stepped by a certified Enrolled Designer with COREN (Committee for the Guideline of Designing in Nigeria). The Structure Plans and plans are then supported by the administrative specialists before development exercises initiate.

In addition to the above, there is the need to conduct proper subsoil site investigation in order to determine the suitability of the site to tolerate the expected dead and live loads of the structure. Based on the site conditions and type of structure, an appropriated foundation is designed.

Construction-Supervision stage

This stage involves the physical construction activities to erect the structure. This is another critical stage which requires proper supervision

in order to ensure compliance of the quality of construction with design parameters and specifications. It has been emphasized that a good design with good detailing without a sound supervision by the designer (consultant) is useless, as this could lead to sudden collapse (Ejeh 2011). Consequently, there is the need for the contractor who constructs to have qualified registered Engineers on site to correctly interpret the designs, ensure compliance, quality control and monitor all construction activities for correct concrete mixes, right water-cement ratios, good mixing, compaction with appropriate equipment, curing at right temperature, correct placement of reinforcements, correct welding, bolting, provision of good foundation, etc.

The choice of the proper construction materials is also essential. For example, it is an established fact that construction with bad materials even though it is done well, will lead to bad structure and may eventually lead to collapse. Silty sand, elongated and flaky aggregates, bad cement, bad water, etc., usually lead to weak concrete and eventually weak structure that would collapse with time. They should be avoided.
Once the construction work is completed, a Certificate of fitness authorizing the use of the structure is issued to the Client.

Post-Construction stage
This stage alludes to the utilization and execution of the design during its administration life. The utilization of the office should be in similarity with the reason for which it was planned. It likewise involves that the construction should be consistently kept up with for the expected reason. This is to guarantee the respectability of the construction and guarantee that the life expectancy is accomplished. Absence of upkeep or ideal mediation in doing fixes might prompt breakdown.

Any adjustment of the planned utilization of the design should be approved by able experts and supporting power. Any other way, there may be twists in the primary skill/uprightness and on the establishment. Occasions have been accounted for in writing where the proprietors of building structures singularly increment the quantity of floors of a current structure without looking for endorsements. From writing, the breakdown of some structure structures has been credited to this misdeed.
In all the he essential necessity of security, tasteful, economy is given due thought. It is much more catalyst to integrate upkeep plans on the construction at the plan stage. Where any of these are compromised, the situation for building breakdown is made.

Critical outcomes of studies and related works on building collapse
An overview of some building collapse studies in Nigeria revealed some outcomes and fundamental trends which are very critical and can assist in addressing the building collapse phenomenon in Nigeria. These included but are not limited to the following:
Adebayo (2000), believed that productivity in ability and experience is significant in making important workmanship in building development. Ogunsemi (2002) affirmed that this element has been answerable for

just 37% while it represented 27% in one more concentrate by Fadamiro (2002). This is because of the way that this examination depends on a bigger number of past building breakdown in Nigeria for its finding (utilizing sixty cases and five significant causes) while Ogunsemi (2002) utilized seven (7) instances of building breakdown and ten distinct causes. Because of expanded populace test for this finding, the aftereffect of the exploration could be supposed to be more exhaustive than that of Fadamiro (2002) notwithstanding the way that similar number of elements were embraced as the reasons for building breakdown. Fadamiro (2001) completed a review to examin the episode of building breakdown/disappointment in Nigeria, by zeroing in on six significant states from each geo-political districts of the country. The paper analyzed the contributory job of the casual area to this wantonness. The review uncovered that over 70% of the announced instances of building breakdown originated from the Casual area.

In encouragement to what Chinwokwu (2000) declared that, confidential structures are more inclined to fall than public ones, the examination likewise affirmed that unfortunate material and workmanship is the main component of the multitude of reasons for breakdown in all sort of structures no matter what their engineer nor the utilization exposed to.

Further to the concentrate by Akindoyeni (2002), Chinwokwu (2000), Dare (2002) and Ogunsemi (2002) on building breakdown in Nigeria, the discoveries affirmed that low quality of materials and workmanship has an exceptionally enormous and positive causal impact on building breakdown in Nigeria for example there is an extremely high causal connection between them. Bolaji, (2002), believed that structures flop through fundamentally obliviousness, carelessness and ravenousness. Obliviousness is in regard of uncouth work force put accountable for plan, development or management. Carelessness is as far as taking on existing determinations of a past undertaking as model for new ones. Voracity with respect to building project workers who slice corners to improve benefit to the detriment of value.

Ogunsemi (2002) affirmed that low quality of materials and workmanship represented more than 36% of building breakdown in Nigeria (the most elevated of the multitude of analyzed factors) while Chinwokwu (2000) affirmed that inability to research the nature of materials and workmanship in Nigeria building industry will absolutely keep on coming about into building breakdown.

Dare (2002), Ayininuola and Olalusi (2005) and Madu (2005) believed that structures executed by native worker for hire are more inclined to building breakdown than that executed by non-native ones, the review affirmed this and furthermore uncovered that low quality of materials and workmanship is the main source of breakdown of structures executed by these workers for hire in Nigeria.

Adebayo (2005) thought that building breakdown frequencies can be controlled or limited assuming the client is prepared to pay for excellent materials and for master proficient administrations. Ukpata (2006), thought that the spate of building breakdown in the nation can continuously be followed to dangerous activities of gatherings engaged with building process beginning from clients to building advisors, workers for contractors and users.

Tyagler et al. (2007) followed the reasons for building disappointments to imperfections or lacks at plan and development stages. Oloyede et al. (2010) credited reasons for building breakdown as due to monitors carelessness in a few fundamental regions in development like soil examination, consolidating plan for additional heaps, stress from winds, quakes, lopsided territory, utilization of unacceptable structure materials, unfortunate checking and generally unfortunate workmanship.

Adewunmi (2009) uncovered that building breakdown in Nigeria are man-made and not catastrophic events, hence they are avoidable if appropriately kept up with.

Fagbenle and Oluwunmi (2010) The review demonstrated that the structure disappointment and breakdown stem basically from hurried development, bad quality workmanship, unfortunate oversight, naiveté (utilization of inept hands), obliviousness, avoidance/rebelliousness with building guidelines and non-implementation of building quality, standard and control on building site/market. This study has uncovered that over 70% of the announced instances of building breakdown in Nigeria originated from the informal area.

Oloyede et al. (2010) attributed causes of building collapse as due to man's negligence in some vital areas in construction such as soil investigation, incorporating design for extra loads, stress from winds, earthquakes, uneven terrain, use of substandard building materials, poor monitoring and overall poor workmanship.

Dimuna (2010) analyzes the rising rates of building breakdown in Nigeria. The paper credits the rising occurrences of building breakdown to the utilization of unsatisfactory structure materials and bumbling experts in development exercises; the refusal of the more extensive society to perceive amazing skill and pay for the administrations and the mentality of the structure workers for hire and different partners as the serious issue.

Morakinyo and Ogunrayewa (2012) examines the increasing incidences of building collapse/failure in Lagos, reasons for building failures or collapse in Lagos metropolis, The research also involves qualitative analysis of secondary data in terms of the historical data of past and recent collapsed buildings in Lagos related to Lagos metropolis on the subject matter the study concluded with suggested recommendations and strategies for ameliorating the trend of the ugly occurrences in Lagos.

Poor quality materials and workmanship accounted as the primary causes for 52% of 60 building collapses analyzed by Ayodele (2011) with 26% of casualties killed and 45% injured. This showed that Poor quality of materials and workmanship is the single most important critical factor in building collapse and attendant deaths. As pointed out by Ayodeji (2011), 92% of collapsed buildings were handled by indigenous contractors while 8% were constructed by non-indigenous contractors. This implies that buildings erected by indigenous contractors are more prone to collapse than those erected by indigenous contractors are more prone to collapse than those erected by non-indigenous contractors. This can be as a result of several factors such as inexperience, lack of trained personnel, lack of technical know-how, lack of exposure, etc.

Oke (2011), opined that Standard Organization of Nigeria (SON) should increase their effort in sanitizing building materials in the market. More so, construction professionals should ensure proper supervision of workmen and efficient checking of materials before incorporation into building works. Oseghale et al (2015) identified and evaluates the causes of building failure and examined the effects of building failure with respect to cost in Lagos State, Nigeria. The study considered the total direct loss to the building owners in terms of cost. Chendo, et al (2015) examines causes of building collapse in Nigeria and also enumerated specific areas the stakeholders in the building industry and the general public are affected.

Factors responsible for structural failure of collapsed building

With the end goal of this talk, the remote reasons for underlying disappointments that in the long run outcome into fell structures can be ascribed to such countless variables. A portion of the variables can be summed up as follows:

Faulty design or design error

Now and again, building breakdown is followed to plan blunder normally drawn up by quacks or non-accessibility of plan drawings. The deficiencies in the concise provided by the clients can achieve absconds even at the origin of the task when client neglect to give all the important data on the useful prerequisites of the structure (Fadamiro, 2002). He further said that plan lacks additionally go under estimation blunders, bearing help issues, misshapening, optional burdens, flexible breaking, temperature and shrinkage issues, itemizing and drafting issues, mistakes in expected stacking, changes and modifications in existing structures, all contributing considerably to building primary disappointments, catastrophes and may at last prompt structure collapse.

Natural occurrence

This is alluded to as Demonstration of God. In Nigeria, one of the significant normal calculates that outcome building breakdown is precipitation; others might incorporate weighty tempest, high wind, flood, thunder, easing up and seismic tremors, and so on. At the point when there is a weighty deluge of downpour, there is plausible that at least one structures (finished or uncompleted), some place, would cut in (Chinwokwu 2000).

Many announced instances of building breakdown in Nigeria brought about by catastrophic events have been accounted for by (Arayela and Adam 2001).

Lack of proper supervision

Here there is absence of legitimate management by experts; Even where a foundational layout isn't insufficient, shortfall of appropriate oversight on the site by qualified faculty can prompted fabricating disappointment. The worker for hire ought to have qualified enrolled Specialists. During development, there ought to be adherence to great development practices and quality control in the decision and utilization of development materials. In any case, the truth on ground is that most fallen structures don't include enlisted/rehearsing engineers either at plan or development stages.

Use of unsatisfactory building materials

Unsuitable material especially support shafts, steel regions and cement can contribute hugely to dissatisfaction of designs. Other unsuitable materials can similarly add to dissatisfaction of designs. Anteroom (1984) put that use of mediocre quality materials is one of the huge purposes behind hidden disillusionment. Aniekwu and Orie (2006), in their survey, in like manner recognized terrible quality materials as the principal wellspring of frustration of planning workplaces in Nigeria. The Public Government through the Standard Relationship of Nigeria (Kid) ought to ensure that the improvement materials in the market fulfill required rule. Like the occurrences of steel support, exceptional yield steel ought to be accepted to have the strength determined.

Different perceptions remember the utilization of silty sand for cementing, stretched and flaky totals, terrible concrete, awful water, and so on, which lead to feeble cementing and in the long run powerless design that would implode with time.

Aging building

Constructing additionally age set up. Many don't realize that structures additionally have their life expectancy. The breakdown pace of working in Nigeria is straightforwardly corresponding to the age of our structure and this is additionally demolished by our material quality utilized in the development of the structures.

Building without approved building drawings

Designers as the confidential clients ought to get endorsements before they start development. Simultaneously, they ought to work with the endorsed drawings and specifications. Working without supported drawings and at times no drawings by any means, can bring about the breakdown of the structure all the more so when the drawings were not verified by qualified experts or important specialists before the structures are raised. Without drawings, all developments depend on mystery.

Nonappearance of building or arranging license

It against the law against the law to start development works without endorsed drawings from the supporting specialists. The 3 levels of government-the Commission (for Administrative Terrains), the Board (for State lands), and the Expert (for Nearby Legislatures lands), are vested with the obligations of allowing endorsement to imminent designers. Now and again damaged drawings are utilized for development without endorsement from the supporting specialists. Some are finished out of obliviousness. Others are done where the activity of the specialists is incapable.

Alteration of approved drawings

This is a flagrant rebellion of town arranging guidelines by engineers/landowners; Examinations by specialists uncovered that rebelliousness by house-proprietors and designers with endorsed plans has prompted many examples of building breakdown in Nigeria. During development, numerous workers for hire either on the mandate of the client or in a bid to compromise and boost benefit, change supported building plans without relating revision to underlying drawings to the weakness of the design. Any modifications ought to be endorsed before their executions. Engineers will be educated regarding these punishments and authorizations at the time they acquire the structure plan endorsement.

Engagement of ill-equipped, incompetent contractors

In Nigeria, it is common that most contracts are first awarded to businessmen who front for politicians. The practice is that the businessman gets the contract and sells it to incompetent contractors known to them without following the normal contract procedures and without investigating the competency of the contractor. The result is shoddy performance which can lead to building collapse.

Prevalence of quacks in the construction industry

Quacks can be characterized as individuals who execute occupations for which they have no preparation and additionally ability. It is educational to take note of that assuming that a designer accomplishes crafted by a manufacturer; or a developer accomplishes crafted by a specialist; or a craftsman accomplishes crafted by a designer; or a sketcher accomplishes crafted by a draftsman, and so forth, such experts are likewise quacks since they are executing position, they have no conventional preparation on. Nigerian client (generally people) has a propensity for compromising by not utilizing qualified faculty to create the agreement records and manage the structure while under development, as they need to spend least (not ideal) measure of cash on the development (Madu 2005).

All compositional drawings ought to be given by ARCON-enlisted Designer, all building plans ought to be ready by COREN-enrolled engineers, while all the structure development exercises ought to be done by Manufacturers enlisted by the Committee of Enrolled Developers of Nigeria (CORBON). It has been noted from the cases audited that these experts are rarely

taken part in structures that fell particularly for exclusive designs.

By and large, the predominance of Quacks in development is known to have prompted sharp practices; particularly in the utilization of low-quality materials, unfortunate workmanship, in-endorsement of attracting before advancement, alterations of drawings disregarding different boundaries inside the plan and non-adherence to geotechnical reports, assuming that they exist, and so forth. It is in this manner fundamental for proficient affiliations and administrative bodies, like COREN, CORBON, ARCON, Nigerian Organization of Building (NIOB), Nigerian Culture of Designers (NSE), the Nigerian Foundation of Draftsmen (NIA), and so on, to advance down to earth techniques not exclusively to synergise their exercises during development tasks yet additionally to guarantee compelling checking and requirement to fish out quacks in the business.

Deficient structural drawing

A construction that is deficiently arranged principally will eventually collapse. According to Ataev (2004), the central essential of any essential piece of a construction is that it should be adequately ready to pass and maintain all expected sorts of weight on to which it is presumably going to be persecuted. Basic formats and nuances are been dealt with by quacks; Building breakdown when essential drawings rely upon sham assumptions of soil strength, they can moreover fall in light of defective fundamental nuances. Oyewande (1992) recognized plan defaults s addressing half of breakdown of planning workplaces in Nigeria. Along these lines, to avoid dissatisfactions in structures, recently qualified hidden Trained professionals (those enrolled by the Board for the Rule of Planning in Nigeria, COREN) ought to be allowed to finish central designs. This can be made possible, expecting that people from the Nigerian public and state run organizations resolve to stigmatize just enlisted Experts for their design needs.

Inefficient workmanship (Labour)

Construction works ought to just be done by enrolled project workers and managed by enlisted draftsmen, specialists and manufacturers as opposed to connecting with untalented workers for hire and this must be accomplished by screening those associated with the lodging projects. Popular assessment uncovered that the faults of building breakdown were expected to rebelliousness with details/principles, absence of adherence to specifications by the unqualified and untalented faculty; utilization of unsatisfactory structure materials and gear and the work of clumsy project workers Accordingly, Wasteful and deceitful work information can likewise add to disappointment of structures. At the point when a project worker can't understand drawings or where he will not stand by listening to the guidance of the specialists anything can occur. Oyewande (1992) placed that flaws on building destinations represents (40%) of breakdown of designs.

Poor workmanship and procedural errors during construction activities

Unfortunate workmanship in development is connected with the exercises of quacks which as referenced before are common in the development business. It could appear as changes or adjustments of determinations, utilization of low-quality materials, wrong area of douse away pits, procedural blunders during development, wrong situation of support, rushed development, and so forth.

At building locales, the absence of limit or potentially deficient preparation of Craftsmans and Experts have been distinguished as one of the antecedents for unfortunate workmanship during development exercises. For instance, it is normal spot to see that following half a month or long stretches of tutelage of helping with blending of sand/concrete for blockmaking as well as laying blocks, most understudy Bricklayers expect the job of specialists at building destinations. The equivalent goes for different Craftsmans and experts. Tragically, they are liked to experts by clients since they offer modest work however to the detriment of value.

Foundation issues

The foundation is the main piece of a structure, sadly many individuals are not giving satisfactory checking to this and is causing more issue. An enlisted Underlying Specialist is vital to you on the off chance that you are anticipating building major areas of strength for a strong multistorey structure. Foundation is one of the significant essential people from any design and any issue rising up out of it will obviously impact the whole construction. A construction configuration can collapse at whatever point laid out on lamentable sub-soil, then again if the design isn't in every case stacked then again if sensible foundation not entirely set in stone by soil nature or due to soil crumbling or earth improvement under the foundation. Fadamiro (2002) attested that the crushing and breakdown of significant equilibrium or other foundation people are regularly a result of conflicting settlements which may be cause by developing sub-grade condition or by misguided assumptions in the arrangement, lacking or conflicting assistance for foundations, soil and ground water improvements as well as expanding soils. Consequently, the most notable sort of abuse of foundation happens due to strange stacking conditions especially in structures being exchanged over totally to new use or having additional floors.

Approval of technically deficient drawings

This came about because of the compromising mentality of certain specialists of the town arranging authority; Town Arranging Specialists on occasion supported in fact lacking drawings. This might be because of obliviousness with respect to Town Arranging Faculty who vet and endorsed these drawings or because of altogether debasement on their part. Cash may on occasion changed hands bringing about the endorsement of such drawings.

Illegal alteration to existing buildings

Unlawful change of designs which habitually lead to fundamental deficiencies; Client at time, isolated, adjust existing plans (structures) past or more the primary arrangement with practically zero drawings, and appropriate Town Organizing underwriting. In specific events existing hotels have been exchanged over totally to either a story building or a couple of story structures without any drawings and the board by qualified staff.

Unavailability of a town planning inspection or monitoring of sites

Because of Lacking requirement of the current empowering building guidelines; All Town Planners in any territory ought to be associated with the successful observing of activities during and after development to check the consistence of the development with the supported structure plans. Now and again, Town Arranging Authority staff rarely visit sties to assess or screen progress of supported work on locales, the aftereffect of which is reported in their structures. Tragically by and large, this assessment is non-existent.

Clients' penchant to cut corners

Nigerian client (generally people) has a propensity for compromising by not utilizing qualified faculty to deliver the agreement reports and oversee the structure while under development, as they need to spend least (not ideal) measure of cash on the development (Madu, 2005). Building breakdown in Nigeria are artificial and are not catastrophic event and subsequently truly avoidable. Building breakdown can be put taken care of assuming all building configuration should be completed by qualified proficient Draftsmen, Specialists, and so on and guaranteeing ensured manufacturers are completely associated with the development of structures.

Ignorance

The current ten years has seen spates of structures breakdowns. The abrupt breakdown of working in Nigeria is because of ignorance or obliviousness of the proprietor, manufacturer and gross proficient carelessness. It has less to do with the public authority; be that as it may, this doesn't make sense of why it is ever not treated in a serious way by the public authority. Structures flop through principally obliviousness, carelessness and voracity (Bolaji, 2002). Obliviousness has to do with when uncouth work force is responsible for plan, development or review. One of the significant areas of carelessness is in particular composing where that of a past task is embraced without crosschecking those regions that need improvement, expansion or exclusion.

Avarice by engineers and contractors

Workers for hire attempting to make gains at the cost and lives of the clients/inhabitants of the structure of the structure are another issue that must be handled. There ought to be a check from strategy producers who are experts in the structure development industry to ensure determination is completely trailed by workers for hire.

Avarice with respect to building project workers for example redirection of building materials, concrete specifically, implied for the creation on the client's site to his own site, the utilization of unacceptable materials in order to accomplish high benefit, and so on.

Deficient construction

This emerges when project workers neglect to do the works as per draftsmen and architects' details. They do this to augment benefit. Now and again determined materials are fill in for unsatisfactory ones. Others areas of concern incorporate unfortunate substantial blends, untimely evacuation of formworks and general unfortunate workmanship.

The building professionals (Major stakeholders)

The architects

Archictects are individuals who are ready in the craftsmanship and investigation of building plan and. (New English Word reference and Thesaurus, 2000). The organizer co-ordinates the activities of various people from the design bunch (specialists) for instance the Trained professionals, Sum Assessors, etc. The sketcher starts and settles the arrangement of the design by which he ensures that the construction and components of the construction are together. He furthermore ensures that the design meets with its owners‟ essential and should satisfy public security and shouldn't contain any hazard to its clients. He ought to ensure that all specialists to an understanding follow fair treatment in project plan and execution and they ought to have the option to partake in the assignment. He ought to evaluate and uphold materials used close by, and ensure they are not unacceptable. The planner has an unprecedented stake in structures arranged by him; since he has a name to get and would want to be connected with any construction dissatisfaction.

The engineer

In the issue of essential strength of any structure, the engineer is the most obvious and critical. He ought to ensure that major tests (for instance soil or geotechnical, 3D shape test, etc) are finished for strength of materials on the spot. He ought to ensure that basic drawings for the errand are expected to the points of interest of the site, for instance nature of soil, region of the design and sort of development, soil test ought to be finished as needs be.

The specialist is responsible for the strength or anyway of the construction. He, so to say is liable for the skeleton of the construction. The modeler depends such a lot in his lord direction in taken decisions. The essential expert's commitment consolidates moreover coordinating the fundamental piece of the advancement work.

The building contractor

The building contractor is the individual or the association which embraces to execute the construction project for the client. In Nigeria, building improvement contract is a significant business and has transformed into an all-possible people unlawful relationship.

Sadly, most of these laborers for recruit do whatever it takes not to use a pre-arranged engineer who is a specialist in the field of building improvement, neither an organizer nor essential experts in their associations. This is furthermore a supporter of the issue, A couple of issues that are connected with Nigeria building project laborers include: tendency to splitting the difference, use of insufficient materials, lamentable workmanship, for benefit development. As such, responsibility of fit contactor and managerial gathering with significant data and a healthy amount of exertion will ensure that the undertaking is executed to specific and expected quality.

Town planning authority (TPA)

Most times, Town Planning Authority (TPA) don't have the staff with the essential ability and in any event, when they have them, most need respectability. Their primary capability is to guarantee that the clients connect with the administrations of qualified proficient to direct their works. A few engineers are constrained into unlawful improvements due to the bottleneck made by the supporting bodies. Numerous snags are placed in the approach to meaning engineer as it can take a designer north of one year to get endorsement for complete working drawings submitted. Issues normally referenced are appropriate overview, great title, assent, endorsement of inhabitance; charge leeway authentications, improvement demands, handling expenses and so forth are bulky, monetarily entrusting and awkward.

Corrective measures: Proposals and strategy suggestions

To lessen the occurrence of breakdown of structures in the country, coming up next are the proposed preventive measures/way forward/procedures in decreasing the issues of fallen structures to a reasonable extent, and in the event that the suggested preventive measures are treated in a serious way, the issue of imploded structures in our general public will be enhanced or totally killed. After a cautious survey of recorded instances of building breakdown in Nigeria, healing measures to check or essentially decrease building breakdown peculiarity can be examined in the accompanying expansive headings.

Building collapse management

There is need to report all cases of building breakdown in the country. It isn't just for educational action yet to give palatable data and information on building breakdown cases in Nigeria, which can be expeditiously gotten to for comprehensive legitimate assessment and improvement of essential procedure course and action plans that will help with controling building breakdown issue from one side of the country to the next. A piece of the information and data could integrate anyway not confined to the example of building breakdown, the causative components, disillusionment plan, mishap figures, clinical parts/costs, post-breakdown works out, human/institutional needs and recuperating measures taken, etc.

To influence genuine documentation, there is need to set up a Construction Breakdown Intervention Power, as moved by NBRRI,

which will unite experts from Capable Bodies, Tertiary associations, critical Taxpayer supported organizations, the Public Emergency The board Office (NEMA), research establishments, for instance, the Nigerian Design and Road Investigation Foundation (NBRRI), etc.

Suitable documentation of building breakdown in Nigeria

Firmly connected with the above is the need to lay out a Public Information Bank on Building Breakdown. Nitty gritty data on completely announced instances of building breakdown in the nation can be archived in the Information Bank which will give required data to State run administrations, proficient bodies, Lodging Companies, the monetary and contract area, protection foundations, the development business, public advancement programs, Public Arranging Commission, and so on for strategy detailing and to foster activity plans to unequivocally address the structure breakdown peculiarity and its orderlies impacts. As a reciprocal exertion, a customary review of faulty designs ought to be completed and recorded consistently; with guidance presented for their destruction etc. For viability, the Databank might be domiciled in and facilitated by the Nigerian Structure and Street Exploration organization (NBRRI).

Enforcement of extant rules, regulations and codes

Proficient and administrative bodies connected with the development business like COREN, ARCON, TOPREC, CORBON, and so forth have tried and true proficient sets of principles, rules and guidelines directing the lead of their individuals in the arrangement of protected and sturdy structures. There is additionally the Public Construction law which right now isn't being comprehensively applied in the business. Also, there are administrative bodies at States and Nearby Government levels which support building plan drawings and screen building development exercises from commencement as far as possible. The skill of the experts isn't in uncertainty. This is on the grounds that in every one of the instances of building breakdown audited, no expert has been seen as criminally punishable.

The significant test anyway is the issue of quacks who have commandeered the development business. There is a requirement for all expert and administrative bodies in the development business to develop persevering through implementation techniques to checkmate the exercises of these Quacks from landing Government development positions and from working at any building site.

These expert bodies need to work couple and team up with the print and electronic media for the reasons for refinement, mindfulness creation and public edification; as well as detailing thought locales where proficient morals are being mortgaged.

Building construction insurance

Any building collapse event is accompanied by huge loss of properties and lives. In addition, quite a number of people sustain various degrees of injuries. Some remain incapacitated for life. Since cases of building collapse are now becoming rampant in Nigeria with most due to

negligence, ignorance and greed, and not natural disasters or force majeure, it is expedient to insure proposed building projects before the commencement of construction activities or major renovation. The insurance cover should be made mandatory. This will go a long way to provide appropriate compensations to innocent victims of building collapse, defray hospital bills, etc. and cushion the trauma experienced by victims and their relations.

Legal concerns

Legal and punitive punishments should be applied when any expert, quack, or person is discovered to be at fault in a building collapse, especially when lives are lost. The client, contractor, developer, and/or its agents should be held accountable for manslaughter in any case where a death occurs. When injuries occur, the responsible parties should be punished for their negligence by being imprisoned in accordance with Federal Republic of Nigeria legislation. The essential actions to enact and put into effect the requisite laws should be taken by the government, regulatory agencies, professional organisations, and relevant practitioners. To develop enabling laws that would give the application of the Bill legal teeth, action on its passage through the National Assembly should be taken quickly.

Capacity building and training

Since absence of or deficient limit by Craftsmans has been recognized as one of the significant difficulties, there is required for an intentional strategy to initiate constant preparation/limit building programs for Craftsmans and skilled workers. The Nigerian Structure and Street Exploration Foundation, as the premier examination foundation in the development business, has perceived this lack and has started activity to attract up educational plan and to set up a Foundation for preparing and accreditation of Craftsmans to rehearse. At the point when this comes on stream with help from Government, experts in the business and lawful support, the lack of value Craftsmans/Specialists would have been sufficiently managed.

Moreover, building/development firms in Nigeria ought to be urged to develop site the executives schooling plan in which studios and different types of stages of preparation for site faculty can be coordinated on an occasional however ordinary premise, particularly for enormous development projects.

Effective monitoring of all construction sites

It has been accentuated that construction work ought to just be done by enrolled agreements and administered by enlisted draftsmen, specialists and manufacturers, at various levels as opposed to drawing in untalented project workers. Moreover, it is practical that clients ought to get endorsements before they start development works. They ought to work with the supported drawings and determinations and any modification ought to be endorsed before execution. Along these lines, building plans and plans ought to be supported inside the briefest conceivable time ideally in no less than 90 days of accommodation by Clients.

This will deter clients starting development exercises on any site fully expecting endorsement of such plans.

There is the need to beat the way of life that regards development of designing activities as any and all individuals undertaking down. Subsequently, procedures ought to be advanced to screen individuals engaging in lodging projects at all levels. Proficient bodies, administrative specialists and Government ought to authorize the execution of all empowering regulations at building locales. Powerful checking of all building destinations ought to be upheld. The utilization of ICT offices and GPS can be ideally used to supplement these endeavors. Likewise, Advancement Control Divisions as well as Town Planners Specialists ought to be enough set up and outfitted with important experts in the development business for powerful observing undertakings during the after development.

Conclusion

Building collapse is seldom a peculiarity that is past scientific clarification. It is critical and has outcomes that cut across the whole range of development and improvement. The review found, from both essential and auxiliary information, that occurrences of building breakdown were predominant. It's undeniably true that Nigeria has seen fallen structures in different aspects, either those under development or those all around in presences. The paper places that partners (assembled climate experts) in the structure business play extraordinary parts to play to decrease and deflect this pattern. It merits all partners thoughtfulness regarding look for method for limiting these generally avoidable rates. There ought to hence be a survey of existing structure regulations that ought to direct standard code of training and that ought to cover all ill-defined situations to ensure security of structures. This study had examined the relentless instances of building breakdown in Nigeria; this is so as to emerge with enduring ideas/strategies that will go far in lessening/controling this appalling turn of events. The healing estimates will go quite far in lessening the structure breakdown peculiarity and the ramifications on the endeavors of the country to accomplish the manageable assembled climate, on the off chance that these actions are set up.

Recommendations

This paper recommends constant and elaborate public enlightenment campaign by both government and all stakeholders in the built environment. This implies applicable partners including proficient bodies, administrative specialists, research foundations, Government at all levels, and so on should force public enlightenment, putting accentuation on how building collapse could be forestalled instead of the managing the urgly situation when it happens; as this is more advisable. This could be accomplished through normal media visit, advert situation, facilitating of seminars, conferences, workshops and so forth. The job of the media associations in such manner ought to be acknowledged with a sober mind.

Likewise, ceaseless expert improvement ought to be stressed by both the professional bodies and the public authority on current patterns in the built environment, to keep individuals from the structure business informed of recent trends in development of events on the industry.

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