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## Floods damage rural roads in northern S'wak

**MIRI:** Rural roads in several parts of northern Sarawak have been damaged with visible cracks and cave-ins following a series of soil movements caused by floods.

They pose a danger to motorists and travellers.

Floods in the past month have caused the ground to become unstable.

Grace Asong, a villager from Long Ikgang, a longhouse in the central Baram district, said soil movements were affecting the foundation of the rural roads that serve a big number of rural populace.

"Several cave-ins have resulted in huge potholes appearing on rural roads.

"For example, the road leading to Long Ikgang and Logan Sibong (two populated settlements) are affected by big and deep potholes which can swallow a four-wheel-drive vehicle.

"These damaged roads must be repaired as soon as possible or else there will be more cracks and cave-ins," she said.

Asong and her family were travelling back from the interior to Miri after spending their Christmas holidays in their village home when



**Cause for concern:** A hole in a rural road leading to Long Ikgang in northern Sarawak.

they spotted these potholes.

Thousands of people are using these rural roads to get back to Miri to start work today following the festive holidays.

Telang Usan assemblyman Dennis Ngau said he was informed of the damaged roads.