

Flood kills woman in Argungu

At least one woman was confirmed dead following heavy rains in Argungu local government of Kebbi state.

The aged woman simply identified as the wife of Sani Danbawa of Tudun Wada area was said to have been drowned by flood water that surged into her room while she was asleep.

Other areas seriously affected by the flood in the fishing village were Tafkin Shamuwa, Dagwal, Bayan Gidan Sarki, Gwazangi and Old Township. At the time of our reporter's visit, Kanta and Sarkin Shamu roads were heavily waterlogged without any drainage for the water to pass.

The Emir of Argungu, Alhaji Samaila Mohammed Mera, who went round the affected areas with the state governor, Alhaji Saidu Dakingari, explained that on Wednesday night there was heavy rainfall which lasted for a short period of time.

He said when the rain stopped, a large volume of water that accumulated forced their way into the houses of people as most of the drainages were blocked with refuse.

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When contacted, the secretary of Argungu local government, Alhaji Yakubu Mohammed, explained that about 500 houses were affected and that properties worth N 12 million were lost to the flood.

He said no assistance has been given to the victims as the local government had nothing to offer, but a committee has been formed to ascertain the extent of damage caused by the rain storm.

He said when the committee concludes its findings, it would forward it to the ministry for local government affairs for necessary assistance. In the meantime, the secretary explained, they directed the household owners to clear the drainages in front of their houses to forestall future occurrence of the disaster.

Governor Alhaji Saidu Dakingari has since visited the area and commiserated with the victims. He also assured of government's assistance as soon as the local government sends proposal to that effect.