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Flood kills 5 children in Jigawa

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Chairman of Kiyawa Local Government Area of Jigawa State, Alhaji Ahmed Nasiru, yesterday said five children in his domain died in the flood that destroyed several farmlands and houses in the area.

Nasiru, who spoke to newsmen, said the kids were from villages near the local government headquarters.

"I am not sure if any local government has suffered so much from the flood disaster in Jigawa, like Kiyawa. We lost about five children and over10,000 farmlands were destroyed. About 1,000 houses were also affected," he said.

He said apart from the farmlands and houses, the flood also cut off the road linking Kiyawa and Katanga town, adding that the local government spent N1.3 million to fix the road so that commercial activities could resume.

Nasiru told newsmen that most of the displaced persons are living in school premises.

He said delegation of the state and federal government have visited the affected areas to access the situation.

He said at the moment, the local government is assisting victims with resources at their disposal.

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