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Flood kills 3, displaces 3,000 households in Yobe

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Heavy downpour accompanied by flood has killed three people and displaced 3000 house-holds in 10 local government areas of Yobe state.

The Executive Secretary of Yobe State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), Mohammed Goje, disclosed this on Thursday, while distributing relief materials to victims in Godowoli village, Fika local government area.

Goje noted that the flood happened

in various communities, at different times, within a period of one month, across the 10 local government areas.

He revealed that the three people who died were trapped inside a collapsed house in Jajere village, where few others sustained injuries.

"The injured were taken to hospital and their medical bill was settled by government, under the directives of the state governor Hon Mai Mala Buni", he said.

He said in Godowoli alone, 198

households were affected by the flood, which had prompted an emergency response by SEMA in form of food and non-food items to cushion the sufferings of the victims.

"Each of the 198 households affected will go home with a bag of rice (50kg), bundle of zinc, woods, blanket, children wear, mat and kettle", he said.

He urged the beneficiaries to make good use of the materials given to them and avoid selling them.

He also called on them to consider their loses as a test from God with prayer for Him to make life easy for them.

One of the beneficiaries, Mamman Usman, thanked the state government for responding to their plight on time and prayed for God's intervention.

"We had lost everything to the flood. It is a very painful trial but God knows why it happened. We must thank SEMA for the support and continue to pray for God's intervention", he said.