

Sokoto: Flood kills 36 in 2 months

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Thirty-six persons have been confirmed dead as a result of flood disaster that ravaged many communities in Sokoto State between August and September, 2020.

The Director, Relief and Orientation of the Sokoto State Emergency Management Agency, Mustapha Umar made the confirmation on Thursday at a stakeholders' meeting organised by the National Emergency Management Agency in the state.

According to Umar, 470,000 people were affected by the disaster.

He added that 302,000 hectares of

farmlands had been destroyed by the flood, which affected 19 of the 23 local government areas in the state.

Umar also disclosed that 120 animals were lost to the disaster.

The Director General, NEMA, AVM Muhammadu Alhaji Muhammed (rtd), who was represented by the head, NEMA Sokoto operations office, Dr. Kofoworola Soley, noted that it was vital that the federal, state and local government, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and the private sector discharge their respective roles and responsibilities and complement each other in achieving shared goals of disaster management.