

Flood kills 3, displaces thousands in Bauchi

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Flood has killed three people and displaced thousands across several villages and communities in three local government areas of Bauchi State.

The flood, triggered by a three-day downpour, also destroyed houses, farmlands and other valuables worth billions of naira.

The Director General of the Bauchi State Emergency Management Agency

(SEMA), Mas'ud Aliyu, confirmed the fatalities during a visit to the affected communities by a delegation led by the Secretary to the State Government, Barr Ibrahim Kashim.

Aliyu said the flood caused extensive damage in Katagum, Shira and Giade LGAs, including the destruction of livestock and crops.

He also said the Azare-Isawa road was washed away, isolating many communities.

Kashim however assured the victims that the

government would provide relief to help mitigate their losses.

He also urged the communities to adhere to warnings issued by the Nigeria Meteorological Agency (NIMET).

Relief items, including bags of rice, sorghum, maize, 250 mattresses and blankets, were distributed to provide immediate assistance to the affected populations.

The committee also visited Giade LGA to assess the extent of the damage, particularly on the Giade-

Shira portion of the highway, which was completely washed away.

They inspected the Giade-Azare road and the Azare-Jama'are federal dual carriageway, and part of the Kano-Maiduguri expressway, which was also cut off by the flood.

In response to the crisis, MotherCat Construction Limited has temporarily repaired one lane of the damaged portion of the Kano-Maiduguri expressway to alleviate the suffering of motorists.