

Woman drowns in Kano flood , hundreds displaced

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AT least a house wife has been confirmed killed and hundreds rendered homeless in communities within Nassarawa and Ungogo Local Council areas of Kano after a heavy down pour.

The seemingly endless rain that lasted about 20 hours destroyed property and washed away houses in the densely populated Gama, Tudun Murtala, Rimi Kebe, Zango Marikita and Tudun Wada communities.

Existing environmental challenges have worsened incidents of flood mostly between July through August and September .

For instance ,virtually all the affected communities lack proper drainage The Guardian can confirm.

A victim, Abubakar Inusa who lost his house to the flood said: “Yesterday was a disaster. Everything I had is gone .”

Another victim Adamu Umar lamented the burden the down pour has brought on his family.

“This is not the first time I am experiencing this problem. I also lost part of my apartment last year, but yesterday’s was the worst.”

“I dont blame Allah, but rather the government for neglecting this community. We don’t have drainage through which water can flow. As you can see, my mud house has been destroyed.”

For Nasiru AbdulAzeez , the destruction of his family house was as bad as erasing his heritage.

“ I inherited this house from my grand father. As you can see, I am now left with nothing. I beg the government to help us.”

The damage wreck by the heavy rain may not entirely unaware take into account the earlier warning issued by Nigerian Meteorological Agency(NIMET) against possible unusual gravity of rain expected this year in some part of Nigeria, Kano State inclusive.

The threat of flood is not equally strange to Kano considering numbers of ugly cases of similar havoc occasioned by series of environmental degradation.

The Guardian efforts to find out possible intervention from the government was not successful as the Commissioner for Environment, Alh. Abdulahi Abbas was reported not in state.

Similar visit to Kano State Emergency, Relief and Rehabilitation Agency on likelihood relief items to ease the pains of the Victims proved fruitless as the Executive Security was equally gathered left for lesser hajj.

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