

ActionAid Donates Relief Materials To Flood Victims In Nasarawa

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ActionAid, in conjunction with Project Agape, a non-governmental organisation (NGO) based in Lafia, the Nasarawa State capital, has donated food items and toiletries worth millions of naira to victims of flood disaster in Manga.

Farmlands belonging to Manga community in Farin Ruwa Development Council of the state were recently submerged in flood following the over-flow of water from the dam where an Independent Power Plant (IPP) is being constructed.

The flood, which completely took over the village, also led

to the death of a man. His body was not found until few days after.

The items donated to the victims include bags of rice, maize, guinea corn, beans and gari. Others are salt, sugar, groundnut oil, maggi cubes as well as cartons of assorted soap.

The Programme Officer of ActionAid, Ore Kolade, who made the donations, said the gesture was part of short-term effort by the organisation to cushion the effects of the flood.

She also called on government to assist the people with water, among other relief items, as the water in the area has been contami-

nated by the flood.

While lamenting the fate that befell the people, she noted that Yoojin Engineering, the contractors of the IPP project, cannot be totally absolved from causing the disaster. She urged the company to assist the people to alleviate their sufferings.

Representative of Project Agape, Charles Yerima, had earlier appealed to both ActionAid and government to assist the people with drugs and food items to cushion the effects of the disaster.

He noted that the people need drugs, including anti-snake vaccines, to control snake attacks now prevalent in the area.

In his remarks, the District Head of Manga, Musa Haruna, said flooding had forced out snakes from their holes, thus portending danger to his people, while the water available in the community is not safe for drinking.

The result, he noted, is that residents have to trek long distances to fetch potable water.

He regretted that even though Governor Aliyu Akwe Doma had visited the community to assess the situation, nothing in form of relief materials from government has reached the people two months after.