

Flood Kills Five, Destroys Houses, Farms In Yala

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No fewer than five people in Yahe, Yala Local Government Area, Cross River State, have been swept away by flood caused by heavy rain in the area.

Besides, it destroyed residential houses and farmlands worth millions of naira, forcing the Clan Head of

Edibia in Yahe kingdom, Chief Ogiamode Ipuole, to appeal to the state government for assistance.

Ipuole, who spoke to *Daily Independent*, urged Governor Liyel Imoke and State Emergency Relief Agency (SEMA) to help the victims of the flood with relief materials.

The clan head said on Wednesday that despite loss of

lives, means of livelihood of some members of the affected communities in the area was also destroyed by the flood.

According to him, farm crops destroyed include rice, cassava, and yam.

He disclosed that the communities affected include Yahe, Okpeni, Ochomode, as well as northern and southern Ukelle.

The clan head said "the area has never experienced such unprecedented magnitude of flood caused by the heavy rains."

One of the affected persons in the area, Denis Ogboh, said he lost his farm crops - yam, rice and cassava - cultivated on at least 20 hectares of land to the flood. He appealed for help from government to the affected persons.