

FLOOD KILLS 23, WRECKS HOMES IN JIGAWA

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At least 23 people were killed by flood disaster which also destroyed thousands of houses in recent weeks in Jigawa State, the Director-General of National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Alhaji Muhammad Sani Sidi has announced.

He made the revelation when he paid a sympathy visit to the state governor, Alhaji Sule Lamido, at the Dutse Government House.

Alhaji Sani-Sidi said they were in Jigawa to commiserate with the people of the state over the recent flood disaster that has ravaged the state in recent weeks.

He explained that his agency was willing to work with the Jigawa State government to explore long-term solutions to flood disaster in the state.

Daily Independent gathered that materials donated to the state government by the agency for onward distribution to the victims included 12,200 bags of cement, 400 bags of rice, 170 clothing (wrappers) for women, 100 bundles of roofing sheet, 10 bags of millet, maize and corn each.

The rest were 50 cartons of detergent, 30 cartons of milk as well as bed sheets and mattresses, amongst others.

Governor Lamido in his response thanked the agency and other well-meaning citizenry for the goodwill shown, saying the people of the state were greatly indebted for the support.

The governor who was represented by his Deputy Alhaji Ahmad Mahmoud, however, called on NEMA to work out formidable strategy that would reduce flooding in parts of the country, adding that the call became imperative due to the fact that flood disaster is a yearly phenomenon in most parts of the country.