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About 452 persons have been displaced during the recent flooding that ravages some communities in Bauchi State.

In a telephone interview with INDEPENDENT in Bauchi on Sunday, Malam Rufai Yamai, the Information Officer, State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA,) said the flood disaster left one person dead, unspecified number of houses destroyed and displaced about 452 persons.

Yamai explained that the incident which occurred in Yana and Faggo communities'

Flood Displaces 452, Kills One In Bauchi

in Shira town sacked many households from the area and properties worth millions of naira destroyed.

He said that N11m worth food and non-food materials were procured and distributed to the victims of the flood by Governor Mohammed Abdullahi Abubakar to reduce their hardship.

He said "at the initial stage some of the displaced persons took refuge in some primary schools within the affected communities while others went to squat with their relatives. So far most of them have gone back to their houses."

Rufai called on the people to stop depending on government for provision of everything es-

pecially the cleaning of drainages their surroundings.

He condemned the attitude of some residents who are in the habit of dumping refuse indiscriminately which often lead to blockage of drainages and building on waterways, advising the perpetrators to desist from doing so in order to save the environment.