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BAUCHI – The Bauchi State government has disclosed that no fewer than 25 persons lost their lives while 17 others sustained injuries as a result of flooding in the state.

The governor, Senator Bala Abdulkadri Mohammed, stated this when he received a delegation of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) led by the Director General, Air Vice Marshal Muhammad A. Muhammed (rtd), who paid him a courtesy visit at the Government House, Bauchi.

Represented by the state deputy governor, Senator Baba Tella, the governor said that floods also destroyed property, farmlands, and houses worth over N950 million, excluding infrastructural facilities.

He said over 3,500 houses and over 2,190 farmlands were destroyed in the affected local government areas.

According to him, “The issue of flooding has been a recurring decimal, not only in the state but also in the whole nation.

“In Bauchi State, in particular, out of the twenty local government areas, almost 16 local government areas have been devastated by flood.

“I have, on behalf of the governor, visited six local government areas, and have seen the level of flooding, and this is because of the level of unusual rainfall that has been predicted.

“I appreciate the role NEMA and SEMA are playing in mitigating the devastating effects of floods in the country, but the Federal Government needs to do more through the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and National Management Authority to mitigate the effects of flooding.

“We have distributed substantial part of food that was brought to the state by NEMA to all the victims in the affected local government areas, ravaged by flood, but we still need the support of the Federal Government to continue to do what we are doing.

“We should, again, after any prediction of rainfall, be proactive instead of being reactive by putting in place all the necessary measures before the rain comes.”

Earlier, in his remarks, the director general of NEMA, Air Vice Marshal Muhammad A. Muhammed (rtd), said the agency was in the state for an advocacy visit in view of the impending flooding as predicted by the Nigeria Meteorological Agency.

Represented by the NEMA director, Liaison Services, Bashir Idris Garga, the director general said Bauchi State was known to be one of the food producers in the country, with the citizens largely engaged in farming activities.