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Twenty-two persons have lost their lives at the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camp in Jibia Local Government Area of Katsina State.

Out of the number, 12 were adults, while the seven are children of between two and three years old.

More so, 15,200 persons from seven displaced communities are currently taking refuge in the camp at Government Girls

22 People Die In Katsina IDP Camp

Secondary School, GGSS, Jibia.

Malam Sa'ad Salisu Shimfida, the chairman of the IDP camp, disclosed this while speaking with some journalists in Jibia on Monday.

Salisu who is also the chairman of Shimfida Youth Development Association said this is as a result of the infested environment they are forced to live in.

He said most of them sleep on the bare floor, while others take their rest on mats provided by the local government author-

ities.

He also complained about the situation in the camp, stressing that, the camp is not secured as there are no security personnel attached, no water and no health facilities.

He added that at the initial stage, they were being fed thrice a day, which later became twice a day, adding that, they are currently feeding once a day.

Salisu said they have been in the camp for the last three months, saying that, they would

prefer to return to their communities to enable them farm their lands.

He pleaded with the state government to provide them with the necessary security structures, to enable them benefit from the rainy season in order to make life better for themselves and their families.

Alhaji Bishir Sabiu, the Chairman Jibia LGA, when contacted said the council has provided adequate relief materials to the IDPs in the camp.