

the foundation to uplift the welfare of widows, children and aged women,

she said.

She affirmed that women have a key

number of children given birth to in the country.

Gunmen Kill 16, Injure 8, Rustle 40 Cows In Zamfara

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Unknown gunmen stormed Rowan Messa village in Bungudu local government area of Zamfara state killing 16 people, injured 8, burnt down 6 shops and rustled 40 cows, government officials have confirmed.

Confirming the incident, Alhaji Suleiman Mohammed, the head, Sokoto Operations Office (comprising Sokoto, Kebbi and Zamfara States) of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) said the attack took place on July 4, at

about 6pm.

Mohammed, who stressed that assessment was ongoing in the area, noted that everybody is a stakeholder in the business of disaster management.

"Disaster management is not the sole responsibility of one organization. Rather, it should be seen as collective responsibility of all and sundry," he said.

Speaking to LEADERSHIP, the NEMA boss, who warned that hence, rainfall is likely to be higher in the zone, therefore called for

adequate measures by all stakeholders against flood occurrence.

According to him, NEMA's primary concern lately was disaster risk reduction through awareness creation and emphasis on prevention and preparedness.

"Some or most disasters are combination of natural and or human errors," he noted.

While revealing that there are about 2000 IDPs in Kebbi state, Suleiman added that the camp was set up and managed by the state government in collaboration with other relevant stakeholders.