



Flood kills nursing mother in Adamawa

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“Destroys 200 rice farms in Jgawa village

A nursing mother and her child were confirmed dead yesterday following a flood that washed away houses and farmlands in Shuwari, Mubi North Local Government Area of Adamawa State.

The Executive Secretary of Adamawa State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), Mr Haruna Furo, who confirmed the incident, said the woman and her baby died when their house collapsed on them.

Furo, who spoke after assessing the damage by the flood, said two children between ages seven and 10 also died in Mubi South Local Government Area.

He said they were found dead near a river in Mubi, following a downpour, adding that the agency received a report on the death of four persons.

Furo said: „Two of the deaths were confirmed in Mubi North Local Government Area, while the other two happened in Mubi South Local Government Area.

„The deaths were the result of last week’s downpour that submerged many communities in the area.”

The SEMA chief said the four deaths in Mubi brought the figure to five.

He added that one person died in Demsa Area before.

Furo also said thousands of domestic animals died, while hectares of farmlands were submerged.

He said the agency donated some materials to the affected victims, adding that the agency contacted the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and few non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for more assistance.

Emir of Mubi Alhaji Isa Ahmadu, who received the SEMA team in his palace, decried the deaths and loss of property to flooding.

The emir called for the intervention of the Federal Government.

He said: „On behalf of my community, especially those affected, I am appealing to the Federal Government to quickly intervene.

„Our major concern is the way and manner the River in Mubi is threatening some parts of the town.”

The lawmaker representing Mubi North in Adamawa House of Assembly, Sani Shehu, said over 50 houses were damaged by the flood.

He said: „About 20 houses were completely washed away by the flood, while part of Mubi graveyard in Shuwari was destroyed.”

Also, the Village Head of Warwade in Dutse Local Government Area of Jgawa State, Alhaji Ado Musa, yesterday said flood has washed away over 200 rice farms valued at N20 million in his community.

Musa spoke in Dutse, the state capital, with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN).

He said the flood occurred because of a heavy rainfall and overflow of the tributaries of the dam in the area in the last few days.

the dam was overfilled with water.

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