

Flood kills 18, destroys 6,637 houses in Jigawa

From Ahmed Rufa'i, Dutse

EIGHTEEN people died and 6,637 houses were destroyed by flood in about 19 local government areas in Jigawa State, it was learnt yesterday.

Executive Secretary, State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) Yusif Sani, told reporters yesterday that people died in Gwaram, Dutse, Jahun, Gumel, Guri, Ringim and Kazaure councils.

He added that houses were destroyed in Dutse, Jahun, Hadejia, Babura, Ringim, Gumel, Malamadori and Birninkudu councils.

Sani noted that the government intervened by providing cash to victims in phases.

"The state has started intervening to mitigate the suffering of victims. We started with Jahun, where we gave over N2.3 million to victims to buy foodstuffs," he said.

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