5 killed in Bauchi flood

NO fewer than five persons lost their lives to flood occasioned by torrential rain in some communities in Warji Local Government Area of Bauchi State, the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) has reported.

Governor Bala Mohammed, who made this known in one of the affected communities in Dagu village on Thursday, said government was seriously disturbed by the loss of lives and property to the disaster.

No fewer than 300 households, 2,000 livestock and hectares of farmlands were also affected by the flood.

The governor warned residents of the affected communities to desist from erecting structures on water ways and drains to avoid being submerged by flood and consequent loss of lives.

Mohammed said government had provided emergency relief materials, including 100 bags each of maize and millet, as well as clothing materials and mats for victims.

He added: "We will provide additional relief after proper assessment of the extent of damage."

He said his administration would soon begin the construction of spacious water ways and culverts in the affected communities to prevent re-occurrence of the incident.