

# 3-yr-old girl, 4 others die in Jigawa flood

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A girl of about three years and four others have lost their lives following the collapse of their buildings after flood ravaged Miga Local Government Area of Jigawa State.

This was disclosed by the Miga Local Government Area chairman, Alhaji Muhammad Abubakar Agufa, while speaking to newsmen in Miga town on Wednesday.

Alhaji Agufa said: "In the first incident, a building collapsed and trapped a little girl who was sleeping with her grandmother. The girl lost her life, while the grandmother sustained fracture in her leg."

The council boss explained that in other parts of Miga town, buildings also collapsed and trapped several people. One person died in Insharuwa and Sansani communities, while two others died in Tsakuwawa village, making a total of five persons who have so far died in the area," Agufa revealed.

He also said residents of the area lost hundreds of hectares of farmland with crops to the flood.

The chairman said young men in the area had been mobilised to protect the town from the flood through embankments provided by the State Emergency Management Authority (SEMA) and other well-meaning individuals.

The Nigerian Tribune gathered that several buildings in the area, including the local government secretariat, the divisional police station, the 20-room corps members' lodge, as well as the council hospital, have all been submerged by flood.

The executive secretary of SEMA, Alhaji Yusuf Sani Babura, who spoke with the *Nigerian Tribune*, disclosed that the state was already collating a comprehensive data of those affected by flood across the state.

He revealed that the state had provided the council area with 70 bags of garri, 50 bags of groundnut cake, 30 bags of sugar and two locally-made canoes to cushion the effect of the disaster.

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