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Flood killed seven, displaced 74,713 people in Adamawa —ADSEMA

THE Adamawa State Emergency Management Agency (ADSEMA), has said that seven people have been killed and about 74,713 people affected by flood in August across the state.

The executive secretary of the agency, Dr Mohamed Sulaiman, disclosed this to the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)**, on Thursday, in Yola, the state capital.

According to him, 79 villages in 16 local government areas are affected by the disaster.

He said the most hit areas included Demsa, Yola South,

Lamurde, Yola North and Girei local government areas of the state.

"From August 11 till date, so far, about 74,713 people affected in 79 communities in 16 local government areas across the state.

① "The most hit areas include Demsa Local Government Area with a total of 8,332 affected people in nine communities with one dead, and Lamurde Local Government Area with about 7,725 people affected in eight communities.

"Followed by Yola South, Girei and Yola North local government areas which had about 7,551; 6,351 and 6,235

people affected in 15 communities. ②

"While Maiha Local Government Area recorded two deaths, and Shelleng, ③ Numan, Girei and Madagali each recorded one death," Sulaiman said. ④

Other local government areas affected included Fufere 4,875 people in 11 communities and Song with 5,359 victims in three communities.

Shelleng, Numan, Mayo-Belwa and Guyuk local government areas recorded 4,424; 3,962; 3,582, and 3,325 victims in 22 communities.

While Jada and Madagali local government areas recorded 3,232 and 2,785

affected people each in nine communities.

On the number of farmlands affected, he said the agency was yet to ascertain the exact figures, because "some areas are completely submerged and very difficult to be reached".

He, however, said that several houses, thousands of hectares of farmlands were submerged, while properties, including domestic animals worth millions of naira were lost to the flood.

He said the flood was as a result of torrential downpours recorded in the state and the agency had deployed teams for assessment.