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Flood kills 10, destroys houses, farmlands in Bauchi

THE Bauchi State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) has confirmed the death of 10 people by flood which destroyed several houses and farmlands across the state.

Director, Planning, Research and Statistics in the agency, Mr Adams Nayola, confirmed the

figure in an interview with the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** on Wednesday in Bauchi.

He said the situation had forced many residents to take refuge in other places.

Nayola, however, said the agency was still gathering the data on farmlands and houses

destroyed across the state.

"At least 10 people lost their lives, while several hectares of farmlands and houses were washed away in some parts of the state.

"The most affected local government areas are Jama'are, Giade, Misau, Dambam, Zaki,

Darazo, Kirfi, Itas-Gadai, Shira, Gamawa and Toro.

"Although the flood affected 19 out of the 20 local government areas, only 12 local government areas are worst hit," Nayola said.

The director said the flood cut off some communities in

Jama'are and Misau local government areas, adding that the latest incident was recorded in Zaki local government area.

"We are going there today [Wednesday] to inspect the level of damage done by the flood in the area," Nayola said.

He said the agency was doing

everything possible to provide relief materials to affected persons, adding that the assessment of the situation continues.

The director also said that SEMA has mounted intense public enlightenment urging people in flood-prone areas to relocate to safer grounds.