

Four die in Adamawa floods

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Flash floods in the months of June and July in Adamawa State caused the death of four persons, reports released by the Adamawa State Emergency Management Agency, have shown.

According to the Flood Rapid Assessment Report carried out in the state, the deaths in the flood disaster were said to have hit the state by rainfall “exceeding the capacity of available waterways.”

The Executive Secretary, SEMA, Adamawa State, Haruna Furo, made this known in Yola on Wednesday.

He said international observers confirmed the devastating effects of the floods in Yola North and Yola South local government areas.

He said, “Four deaths were recorded. One in Shagari Housing Estate Area, and two in Modire/ Yolde-Pate Area in Yola South Local Government Area and one in Jambutu Area in Yola North LG.

“The cause of the flooding was attributed to a downpour which lasted over five hours, thereby exceeding the capacity of the available waterways, hence resulting in the flooding.”

The report added that the flood affected houses, schools, places of worship and shops, among others, leading to a temporary displacement of people for about seven hours from their houses.

SEMA, in the report, counselled the Adamawa State Government on the need to construct drainage system to address the recurrent flooding.

Already, Furo said his agency had mapped out strategies, with the collaboration of partners, to develop early warning and enlightenment campaigns in communities in high risk areas. These, he said, would help in preparing them to cope with future threats, especially following predictions that the state might likely experience flood.

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