



## Flood Ravages 282 Farmlands

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As the people of Gombe State were trying to overcome the grief of the three lives recently lost to flood at Bogo, in the outskirts of the state capital, another flood disaster has ravaged Dukku Local Government area of the state, taking over 282 farmlands and many structures.

Conducting Commissioner of Water Resources, Environment and Town Planning, Barrister Magaji Doho and newsmen round the ravaged area, Deputy Chairman of the local government, Alhaji Abubakar Husseini Dekoro, said flooded farmlands and scores of houses destroyed at Gombe-Abba Village by flood was as a result of River Gongola overflowing its bank.

He said the devastation that affected eight of the 11 wards of the council would adversely affect agricultural produce, if urgent steps were not taken to remedy the situation. Doho said he went round the affected areas to assess and report to the executive council, so that immediate relief can be given to the people.

He said the ministry's engineers and director would take measurements of the affected area for immediate action and renewed call on residents to desist from building on waterways. Doho, while calling on religious, community and traditional leaders to educate followers in this direction, he said he had directed that announcements, jingles, and documentaries be produced to address the menace of blocking water routes in the state.