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6 Dead, Property Worth Millions Lost in Gombe Flood

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Six people have been confirmed dead, several others displaced and property worth millions of Naira destroyed during Friday's afternoon downpour in Gombe metropolis.

Dr. Danlami Arabs Rukujei, Executive Secretary of the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) who confirmed the situation, said the destruction caused by the flood was more pronounced in eight Wards.

He said the Wards affected include Checheniya, Jakadafari, Dawaki, Heirwagana, Kumbiya-Kumbiya, Ungwar-Uku, Yelenguruza and Bolari.

He said it was too soon to state how many people were displaced or how many houses were affected but that the Agency would soon come up with accurate figure as compilation has begun in earnest.

His words: "We've lost people; people have lost shelter, clothing, beddings and food. About eight areas in Gombe metropolis were most affected.

"I cannot say now the number of households that have been displaced, but the good thing so far is that almost all those who have lost their shelter have found temporary shelter without any need for us to put up any shelter anywhere.

"We have confirmed the loss of six as of now and they are all adults. It's a little too early to quantify the magnitude of the loss because apart from shelter, household items and food have been lost. So it is difficult. But from what I have seen, it is going into hundreds of millions of Naira.

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