

# **Flood kills 3, destroys 1,838 houses in Gombe —Official**

**G**OMBE State Emergency Management Agency, SEMA, has said that three persons lost their lives and 22 others injured in the 2023 flood disaster in the state.

The agency said the disaster also killed seven animals, destroyed 1,838 houses and 257 farmlands between May and October, 2023.

Executive Secretary of the agency, Mr Abdullahi Abdullahi, stated this in an interview in Gombe, yesterday.

Abdullahi said that eight out of the 11 local government areas in the state experienced the disaster as against three LGAs predicted in the 2023 Flood Outlook.

He listed Akko, Funakaye, Balanga, Gombe, Nafada, Kaltungo, Shongom and Yamaltu/Deba as the worst hit areas.

The Secretary said the rains accompanied by strong windstorm ravaged farmlands, causing damage to the farmers in the affected communities.

The government, he said, distributed relief materials to victims of the disaster to assuage their sufferings.

According to him, the state government was making effort to expand the scope of the support services to all the affected communities.

He said: "Governor Inuwa Yahaya has approved relief materials to some communities affected.

"We have also submitted reports of flooding in the remaining communities and efforts are on to also provide relief materials to them," he said.