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## Flooding: Nigerian-Americans Lend a Helping Hand

Nigerian Leaders in America have come together to support the Nigerian government's effort in sending relief materials and rehabilitating the displaced victims of the recent flood in various parts of Nigeria.

According to the coordinator, Former First Lady of Kogi state, and Founder of A3 Foundation, Chief Mrs. Aisha Audu-Emeje, The flood in most part of Nigeria at the moment calls for urgent assistance and emergency relief materials for residence in the affected areas. It is imperative to provide accommodation, food and medical supplies for residents of the areas affected.

Since the situation began, there has been an overflow of water that has submerged the land, there is severe inflow of tide that is dangerous to the residents, according to reports most people have been displaced of their dwellings, a lot of other people have evacuated as a result of the volume of water within a body of water, such as the River Niger, Benue and the suspected Cameroun rivers.

As leaders we have come together to address the situation, according to our initial assessment carried out, we gathered that some areas are beyond reach, as they have been cut out. Apart from sending relief materials, we are deploying flood experts to help in solving the problem.

On his part, Dr. Ukpabi said as leaders in Diaspora we want to be responsible by helping our people in time of need, the situation is so pathetic that we have to look at it holistically. We are going to

coordinate with NEMA to ensure we meet our goals.

PSN gathered that the group are in advance discussion with the Conceptium Group a US based organization that carried out projects during the U.S Katrina and the Tsunami in Indonesia, the group have agreed to travel to Nigeria for Satellite Mapping of Flood area, and Operations Overview with their Goggle Earth team to enable them cover all the flooded areas, especially those cut off by the devastating effects.

They are also going to be doing Public Health needs and Deep Field Assesment according to the Nigerian Leaders. The Nigerian Leaders in America are also in collaboration with the Diaspora Flood Relief Fund for Nigeria by Erika Benneth, they are also speaking with NEMA.

The group has Dr. Olabisi Jagun, Dr. Ms Tawari, Ms Kemi Fadojutimi as members alongside other Nigerian Ethnic groups in America.

The DG of NEMA recently said that about one million Nigerians may die due to the effect of flooding if no precautionary measure is taken. NEMA said if the Lake Nyos Dam in Cameroon collapses, a development it sees happening in the next three years, Nigeria will be the worse for it, considering the effect the release of over 55 million cubic metres of water will have on the country.

The Director-General of NEMA, Muhammed Sani-Sidi, also revealed that a 2005 United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) report had predicted the collapse of the dam in less than 10 years.