

A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF A ONE DAY CONSULTATIVE MEETING BETWEEN NEMA AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCIES HELD AT MUNA HOTELS, JIMETA-YOLA, ADAMAWA STATE, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2011.

1. PREAMBLE

Participants at the one day consultative meeting of National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and Chief Executives of State Emergency Management Agencies (SEMAs) at Muna Hotel, 22nd September, 2011 agreed to this communiqué based on participation in the discussion on the challenges of effective and efficient relief intervention .

2. OBSERVATIONS

The meeting observed/noted that:

- I. out of 36 States and FCT, only 26 states have SEMAs backed by law;
- II. some of the SEMAs backed by law do not have requisite funding, equipment and personnel;
- III. relevant security agencies, community based organizations and other stakeholders are not adequately involved in relief distribution;

- IV. there is lack of political will to enforce regulations, standards and codes;
- V. there is non-existence/ inadequate contingency stockpiling of relief materials in the states and local governments for prompt response to emergencies /disasters;
- VI. effective collaboration between some SEMAs and relevant State ministries, departments and agencies is lacking ;
- VII. there is lack of technical capacity to conduct damage and need assessment;
- VIII. meeting of NEMA/SEMA consultative forum is not regular.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

The meeting recommended as follows:

- i. the 10 states and FCT that are yet to establish SEMAs backed by law should re-double their effort to do so. NEMA should embark on advocacy visit to these states.
- ii. State Governments should allocate substantial percentage of money derived from the ecological fund to SEMA for emergency/disaster management;

- iii. all relevant stakeholders as well as communities affected by the disaster be carried along in the distribution of relief materials;
- iv. States are encouraged to strategically stockpile relief materials for prompt intervention;
- v. there should be effective collaboration between SEMA and relevant stakeholders and other agencies to have the desired result in disaster management;
- vi. there is need for state government to consciously plan and implement technical capacity building for SEMAs;
- vii. meeting of NEMA/SEMA consultative forum should be held quarterly at zonal levels, while the meeting between NEMA and SEMAs at the national level should be held bi-annually. In the same vein, SEMAs should hold quarterly meetings with LEMCs and stakeholders in their domain.

4. APPRECIATION

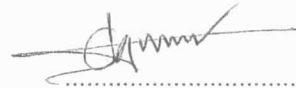
The meeting expressed profound gratitude to His Excellency Vice-Admiral Murtala Nyako (rtd), the Executive Governor of Adamawa State, Director General NEMA, and Heads of SEMAs present for

making it possible to hold this successful consultative meeting.

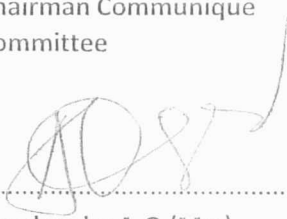
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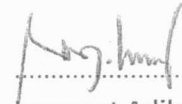
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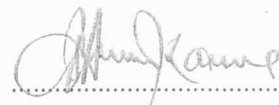
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Signed this day 22nd September, 2011

