



Acronym: NEMA

Full Name: The National Emergency Management Agency

Website: <http://www.nema.gov.ng/index.htm>

Established: 1999

Location: Abuja, Nigeria

Areas of expertise: Training, search and rescue. Finance and administration, relief and rehabilitation.

Main Partners and Collaborations: Federal Road Safety Commission, Federal Fire Service, Nigeria Security & Civil Defence, Nigeria Red Cross

Short Description:

The National Emergency Management Agency was established via Act 12 as amended by Act 50 of 1999, to manage disasters in Nigeria. Therefore, from inception, NEMA has been tackling disaster related issues through the establishment of concrete structures and measures. Such measures as the education of the public in order to raise their level of awareness and reduce the effects of disasters in the Country. The Agency has also put in place structures that enable it detect, respond and combat disasters in a timely manner. With continuous overwhelming support from the Federal Government and other stake-holders in Disaster Management, NEMA will continue to improve in its capability and effectiveness to discharge its duties passionately.

Main activities:

Since inception in 1999, NEMA has been active in providing timely relief assistance to victims both at national and international levels. The Agency has provided relief materials to disaster victims from various states across the country in response to various emergencies within the country. The Agency, has also undertaken the resettlement of the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). An estimated 2,928 returnees were kept in camp for three days, fed, and were given relief materials and medical attention and assisted with transport fares to return to their various states. There is also an on-going evacuation of about 17,000 Nigerians that fled Mambilla Plateau and adjoining areas due to communal clashes to seek refuge in Cameroon. The Federal Government through NEMA has a mandate to assist States and Local Governments in disaster response and recovery. Recovery personnel at the National Emergency Coordination Centre (NECC) in tune with this mandate are required to closely monitor response activities and to obtain valuable data regarding the severity and intensity of the event, the affected geographic area and the potential unsatisfied critical needs of the affected population.

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