

## Widow among victims left homeless after KB floods

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*Rina (right) presenting aid to a Kota Belud flood victim.*

**KOTA BELUD:** The floods that hit Sabah in June not only inundated several districts but also left villagers displaced when their houses were destroyed.

Widow Ledah Ajah, 51, was left homeless after the house she had been living in together with her nine children, in Kampung Lebak Engad, was completely destroyed.

“We were left with nothing. All our belongings and clothes were damaged in the floods,” she said when met at the village hall, here, Sunday.

Meanwhile, one of her children, Junaidah Zainudin, 23, said the wooden house which had been the family’s home for over 20 years was now totally unfit and unsafe for occupation.

She said the humble abode left by her father had never been hit by floods before, but this time, following continuous downpour and flowing rivers, the whole house was inundated.

“Although our house is situated close to Sungai Tempasuk, floodwaters had never entered the house when it rained. This time it was different,” said Junaidah, who is also at the relief centre with her husband and two young children.

Another victim, Farizi Manjah, 28, said for the time being the hall will be a temporary home for him, his wife and children aged seven months and three years.

Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Rina Mohd Harun, during her visit at the hall earlier Sunday, told the victims that the Social Welfare Department and assemblymen of the districts involved would be channelling aid to all families affected by the floods.

Eleven districts including Tenom, Pitas, Beaufort, Membakut, Papar, Kota Belud, Kota Marudu, Penampang, Keningau and Tuaran were affected after flooding began on June 27, following continuous heavy rains.

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