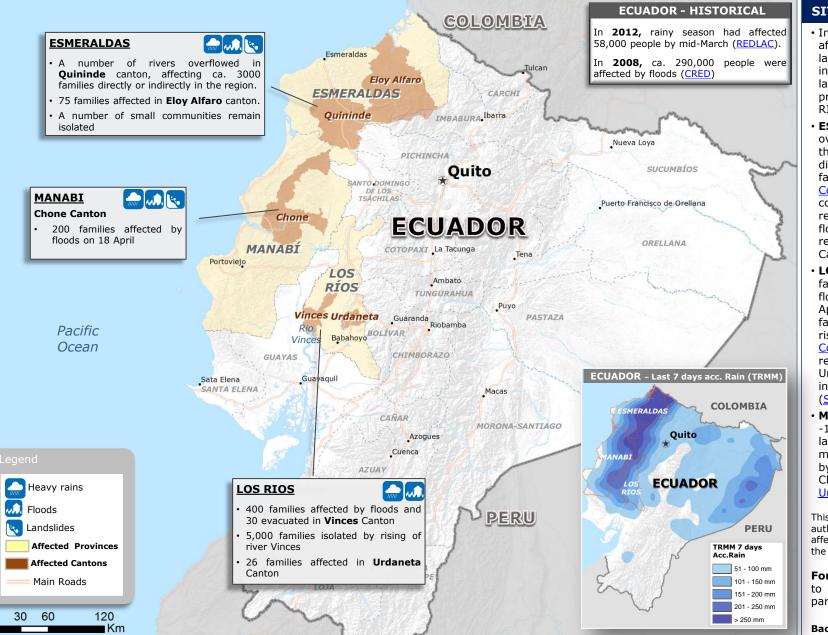
## 24 April 2013: Ecuador - Floods





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## SITUATION

- In the last few days heavy rains affected parts of Ecuador (see the last TRMM 7 days acc. rain in the inset map), causing floods and landslides, mostly in the western provinces of ESMERALDAS, LOS RIOS and MANABI.
- ESMERALDAS: Rains caused overflow of a number of rivers in the canton of Quininde, affecting directly or indirectly ca. 3,000 families in the region (<u>El</u> <u>Comercio</u>). A number of small communities in Esmeraldas remain isolated because of rising floodwaters. 75 families are also reported affected in Eloy Alfaro Canton (<u>El Comercio</u>).
- **LOS RIOS:** in Vinces Canton, 400 families were directly affected by floods, 30 were evacuated on 23 April (<u>SNGRC</u>) and ca. 5,000 families remain isolated by the rising level of river Vinces (<u>El Comercio</u>). 26 families were reported affected by floods in Urdaneta Canton due to the increase of water level of a river (<u>SNGRC</u>).
- **MANABI:** Heavy rain between 17 -18 April caused floods and landslides in Chone Canton. Local media report 200 homes affected by the floods in the vicinity of Chone canton, as of 18 April (<u>El</u> <u>Universo</u>).

This year, as of 08 April 2013, authorities assisted ca. 7,250 people affected by the rainy season (mainly in the coastal provinces), <u>REDLAC</u>

**Forecast:** In the next 2 days, light to moderate rains might still affect parts of W-NW Ecuador (<u>NOAA</u>).

**Background info**: Rainy season in western Ecuador is from Oct to May.