



Ecuador: Floods and Landslides - Feb 2022

Status: Past Disaster

Glide: FL-2022-000164-ECU

Disaster description

The number of casualties is increasing following the landslide triggered by heavy rain in the La Gasca area (neighbourhood of Quito). According to the authorities, 23 people have died, 15 are reportedly missing and 49 others have been injured. In addition, several buildings and roads have been affected by widespread floods across parts of Quito. Local and national authorities are providing assistance to the affected population. On 2-3 February, moderate to heavy rain is forecast over most parts of central-western Ecuador, including the Quito area. (ECHO, 2 Feb 2022(<https://reliefweb.int/node/3813777>))

Floods and landslides triggered by heavy rainfall have affected the Quito area over the past week, resulting in casualties and damage. According to media reports, 28 people have died, one is missing and 52 have been injured. On 7-8 February, moderate to heavy rain is forecast over most parts of the country, including the Quito area. (ECHO, 7 Feb 2022(<https://reliefweb.int/node/3815310>))

Heavy rainfall, floods, and landslides have affected Ecuador, particularly Guayas, Cotopaxi, El Oro and Los Ríos, since rains started on 28 January 2022. According to the Quito Municipality's local authorities, flooding struck in western parts of the city after 75 mm of rain fell in a short period during the afternoon of 31 January 2022. This is the highest rainfall intensity seen since 2003. Rains triggered mud and rock flows that rapidly descended the slopes of the Pichincha Volcano that overlooks the capital city, carving a path of destruction through the streets of the Capital that destroyed homes, swept cars away and damaged infrastructure. The floods caused damages and landslides, affecting 550 people (160 families), causing 28 deaths, 52 injured, and one person missing in Quito. (IFRC, 10 Feb 2022(<https://reliefweb.int/node/3816897>))

Heavy rain has been affecting several Provinces of Ecuador over the past few days [as of 11 March 2022], causing floods, triggering landslides and resulting in evacuations and damage. The most affected Provinces are: Azuay, Chimborazo, Cotopaxi, El Oro, Esmeraldas, Guayas, Los Ríos and Pichincha. According to media and the National Risks and Emergencies Management Service (SINGRE), in Azuay Province, almost 30 people have been evacuated and three houses have been damaged or destroyed. In Cotopaxi Province, eight bridges have been damaged or destroyed, isolating at least 15,000 people. Furthermore, more than 50 people have been affected and 33 houses damaged across the Provinces of El Oro, Loya and Pichincha. (ECHO, 11 Mar 2022(<https://reliefweb.int/node/3826261>))

After the huge landslide occurred on 27 March in the Sayausi region (Cuenca Canton, Azuay Province, southern Ecuador), on the road between Cuenca City and Mollaturo Town, the number of casualties and the

southern Ecuador), on the road between Cuenca City and Montalvo Town, the number of casualties and the reported damage has increased. The National Risk and Emergency Management Service (SNGRE) reports, as of 29 March, four fatalities, ten injured people, 14 evacuated families, nine destroyed and 27 damaged houses due to the landslide event. Over the next 24 hours, more rainfall with locally heavy rainfall is forecast over most of the country, particularly in the southern Provinces. After the earthquake of 5.8M at a depth of 26 km occurred in Esmeraldas Province (northern Ecuador) on 27 March at 4.28 UTC, the number of casualties and the reported damage has increased. ([ECHO, 29 Mar 2022\(https://reliefweb.int/node/3832193\)\)](https://reliefweb.int/node/3832193))

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