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The Situation

Coastal Ecuador has been affected by heavy rainfalls since February causing flooding and landslides. According to a census by the Ecuadorian Red Cross 1,857 families and 709 houses have been affected in 16 locations. Initial reports say that seven people are dead and 18 wounded. The flooding has damaged roads and buildings, including a hospital. Drinking water has been contaminated due to the flooding and the prevalence of mosquitos is causing health problems. The Government of Ecuador has not requested international assistance.

Red Cross/Red Crescent Action

The Ecuadorian Red Cross responded to the disaster immediately. Volunteers have been assessing needs in the 16 locations. The Ecuadorian Red Cross action has included a census, rescue and evacuation, pre hospital attention, initial management of shelters, distribution of insect repellent and dissemination of protection measures. The national relief department is elaborating proposals for humanitarian assistance in case the situation deteriorates, but for the time being the government is able to cover the needs.

For a full description of the National Society profile, see www.ifrc.org

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