



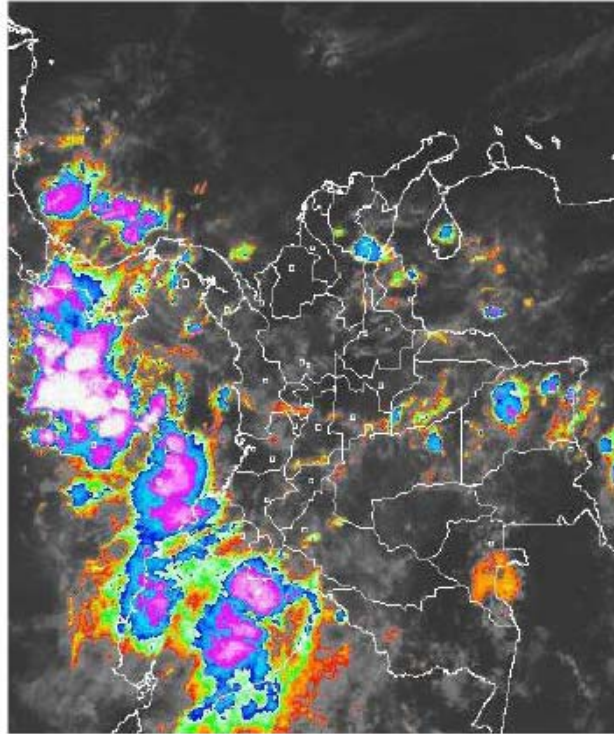
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## **COLOMBIA – FLOODS**

Heavy rain during the last month triggered by La Niña phenomenon in the tropical Pacific has caused extensive damage to Colombia's 28 of the 32 departments. Floods and landslides caused 323 deaths, 321 injured and 7,450 homes destroyed.

The Ministry of Social Protection reported damage to over 225 health institutions, hindering provision of services to the affected population. The government of Colombia will allocate 26 billion dollars for emergency care caused by La Niña Phenomenon.

PAHO/WHO in Colombia mobilized a team of public health experts to work with Colombia's Ministry of Health to identify priorities and humanitarian needs. The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean is making assessments of the socio-economic impact of the severe rainy season in the sectors of water, sanitation, agriculture and livestock, housing, and health.



Satellite Image 27 April 2011. Source: IDEAM