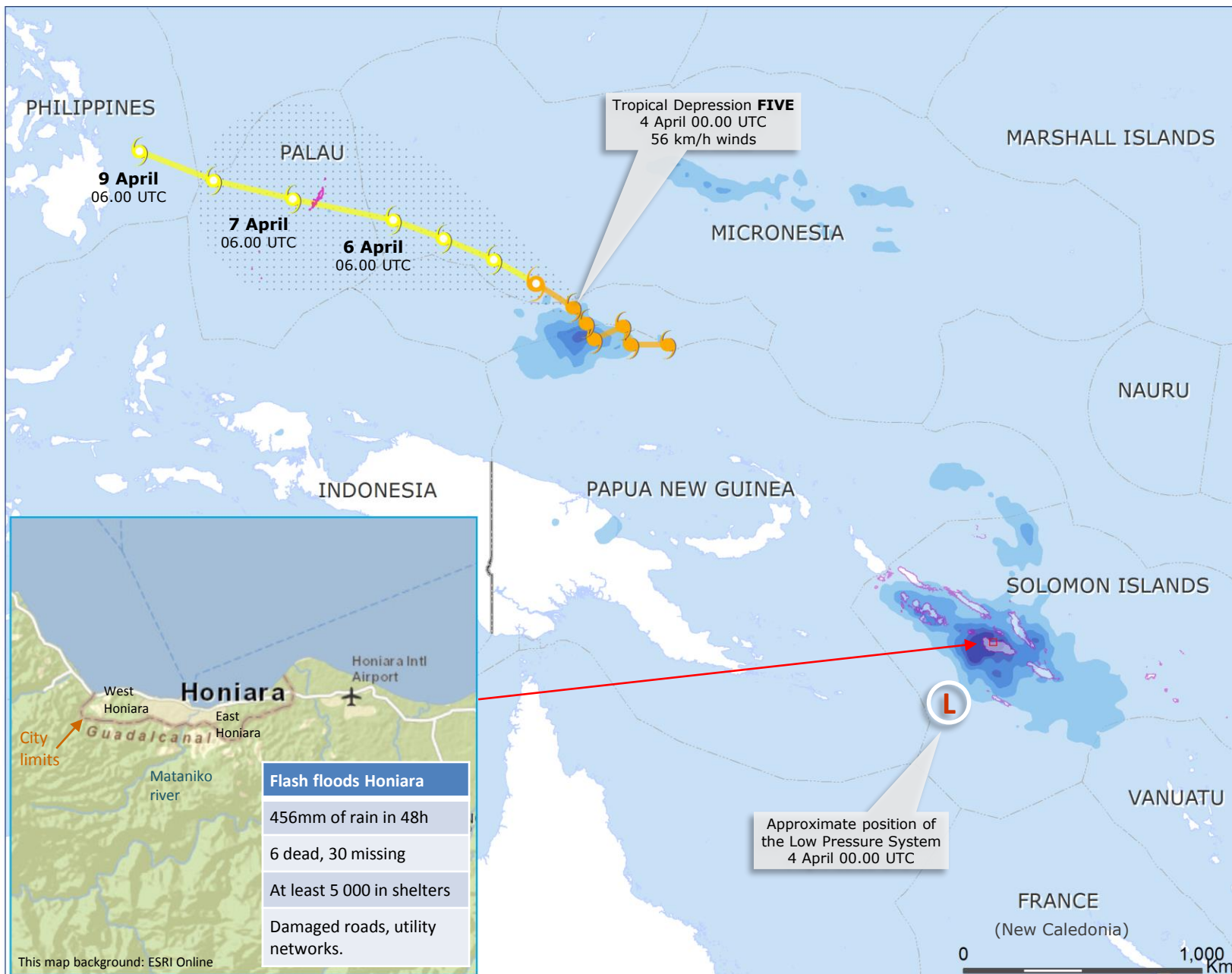


# 4 April 2014: Pacific Severe weather & Solomon Islands - Floods



## SITUATION

- SOLOMON ISLANDS** Following very heavy rainfall on 2 and 3 April (more than 450mm in 48 hours), caused by a Low Pressure System moving across the Solomon Islands, severe flash floods affected the capital Honiara (pop. 65 000). The mean total rainfall for the whole month of April is [257](#) mm.
- [OCHA](#) and [international](#) and [local](#) media report extensive flood damage in the capital, caused by overflow of the river Mataniko. **Six people are confirmed killed**, 30 are missing, more than **10 000 are reported homeless**. An estimated 5 000 people were sheltered in at least 11 evacuation centres.
- Severe **damage to infrastructure** was also reported; the two bridges connecting west and east Honiara are destroyed or blocked and the International Airport is not operational. Honiara and some other areas of Guadalcanal island were declared disaster zones.
- Rainfall is **expected to continue** over the Solomon Islands; at 06.00 UTC on 4 April the [National Meteo](#) warned that "Rain heavy at times with squally thunderstorms are expected over all provinces within the next 24 to 48 hours."
- PALAU** A Tropical Depression (FIVE) formed north of Papua New Guinea on 3 April and moved in the general direction of Palau. According to the 4 April 00.00 UTC forecast, it might approach Palau between 6 and 7 April, with Tropical Storm strength. As of 12:00 UTC on 4 April there were no Warnings or Watches.

