

# DREF operation final report



International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## Brazil: Floods

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The International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross Red Crescent response to emergencies. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of national societies to respond to disasters.

**Summary:** CHF 115,000 (USD 102,862 or EUR 69,697) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 23 January 2008 to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 7,500 beneficiaries.

Heavy rainfall in the Southern region of the State of Sao Paulo caused severe flooding during the month of January, 2008 affecting 49,506 people by damaging or destroying their homes and goods. The Brazilian Red Cross (BRC) worked arduously since the onset of the disaster to provide relief assistance to 1,500 families.

This operation was implemented in 3 months, and was completed by 27 April 2008.

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Distributions in Sao Paolo.  
Source: International Federation

## The situation

Since 12 January 2008, continuous rain caused severe flooding in the south coast of the State of Sao Paulo, located in the south-east of Brazil. According to data provided by the Civil Defense four people died and 14,293 were displaced. Due to the destruction and damage of homes, the affected people were staying in temporary shelters or with friends and relatives. The Civil Defense provided temporary shelters and the Brazilian Red Cross (BRC) was in charge of providing humanitarian relief.

The most affected municipalities were Cajati, Jacupiranga, Itariri, Pariquera, Acu, Miracatu, Juquia, Iguape, El Dorado and Peruibe.

According to local authorities there was no risk of epidemics as health systems were functioning properly. Although the water treatment plant of the Basic Drainage Company of the State of Sao Paulo (Companhia de Saneamento Básico do Estado de São Paulo - SABESP) was affected by the severe rains, it was immediately restored and has been functioning well.

The declared state of emergency in the most affected municipalities of Cajati and Peruibe is no longer effective, as water levels have receded and most families returned home. Villagers have returned to their normal lives, although the most affected are still in the process of reconstructing their homes and livelihoods.

The relief operation was well managed and was completed on time. During the operation, 1,500 families in the municipalities of Cajati, Jacupiranga, and Peruibe received their hygiene kits and cleaning kits.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Since the beginning of the emergency, the BRC provided support to their local branch in Sao Paulo in order to assure the compliance of all the logistical procedures, especially the procurement process of the relief items. The items were purchased locally following the International Federation procurement standards. The BRC Plan of Action (PoA) responded to the needs of 1,500 affected families (7,500 beneficiaries). Also, a Regional Intervention Team (RIT) member was deployed in order to assist the National Society in their distribution activities.

The following table shows the municipalities and communities benefited by the DREF operation:

Municipalities	Communities	No. of Families
Cajati	Inhunguvira	190
	Jardim Old	58
	Vila Vitoria	179
	Jardim Muñiz	112
	Bico do Pato	61
	Parafuso	120
<b>Total Cajiti</b>		<b>720</b>
Peruibe	Jardim Veneza	160
	Caraguava	540
<b>Total Peruibe</b>		<b>700</b>
Jacupiranga	Jacupiranga	80
<b>Total Jacupiranga</b>		<b>80</b>
<b>Total Beneficiary Families</b>		<b>1,500</b>



Brazilian Red Cross distribution of hygiene kits and cleaning kits in Sao Paulo. Source: International Federation

## Progress towards objectives

### Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

**Objective: Humanitarian aid will be distributed to 1,500 families (7,500 beneficiaries) affected by the floods.**

The hygiene and cleaning kits provided a family of five people with items to last one month and contained the following items:

No.	Hygiene kit (for 5 persons for 1 month)	Quantities
1	Detergent (1 kg)	3
2	Toilet paper	12
3	Soap (100g)	5
4	Toothpaste (tube of 75 ml)	5
5	Tooth brush	5
6	Shampoo (250 ml)	2
7	Disposable razor	5
8	Hygienic pads	8

No.	Cleaning kit (for 5 persons for 1 month)	Quantities
1	Broom	1
2	Rake	1
3	Plastic bucket	1
4	Detergent	1

#### Activities planned:

- Conduct needs assessments, census and beneficiaries targeting.
- Procurement of relief supplies according to Federation procedures.
- Distribute relief supplies and control supply movements from point of dispatch to end user.
- Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions

**Impact:** 1,500 families from the regions of Cajati, Peruibe and Jacupiranga in Brazil benefited from the hygiene and cleaning kits. These met their basic needs and thus helped them pick up their daily lives. The BRC gave coupons to the beneficiary families prior to distributions; when they received their kits they had to hand in their coupon and sign. The BRC evaluated this operation to be a success mainly because the National Society was able to overcome the difficulties encountered throughout the entire operation, especially with the procurement process.

**Challenges:** It was difficult to find items for the kits that adhered to Federation standards and it was difficult to find a supplier for the items since they were purchased locally; nevertheless the procurement process was completed and the distributions were finalized.

## Conclusions

### Lessons Learnt

- The DREF has proven to be a rapid and efficient response tool which provides immediate assistance to the affected people.
- It is crucial to have agreements and or suppliers identified in order for the procurement process to go on smoothly.
- The effective coordination between the Civil Defence and the Brazilian Red Cross optimized the resources for the operation to be completed.

## How we work

*All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.*

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

### Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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Final Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2008/1-2009/3
Budget Timeframe	2008/1-2008/4
Appeal	MDRBR002
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

**I. Consolidated Response to Appeal**

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
<b>A. Budget</b>	115,000					115,000
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	0					0
<b>Income</b>						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	97,106					97,106
<b>C5. Other Income</b>	97,106					97,106
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)</b>	97,106					97,106
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>	97,106					97,106
<b>Appeal Coverage</b>	84%					84%

**II. Balance of Funds**

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	0					0
<b>C. Income</b>	97,106					97,106
<b>E. Expenditure</b>	-97,106					-97,106
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>	0					0

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## III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination		
A							B	A - B
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>		<b>115,000</b>					<b>115,000</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>								
Clothing & textiles		48				48	-48	
Other Supplies & Services	76,140	55,321				55,321	20,819	
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>76,140</b>	<b>55,369</b>				<b>55,369</b>	<b>20,771</b>	
<b>Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Distribution & Monitoring		3,038				3,038	-3,038	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	9,080	1,709				1,709	7,371	
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>9,080</b>	<b>4,747</b>				<b>4,747</b>	<b>4,333</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>								
International Staff		4,500				4,500	-4,500	
Regionally Deployed Staff	3,405	4,724				4,724	-1,319	
National Staff	1,000	119				119	881	
National Society Staff	11,918	4,156				4,156	7,762	
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>16,323</b>	<b>13,498</b>				<b>13,498</b>	<b>2,824</b>	
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	3,405	9,423				9,423	-6,018	
Information & Public Relation	1,292	1,505				1,505	-213	
Office Costs		528				528	-528	
Communications	1,270	1,129				1,129	141	
Financial Charges	16	4,593				4,593	-4,577	
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>5,983</b>	<b>17,178</b>				<b>17,178</b>	<b>-11,195</b>	
<b>Programme Support</b>								
Program Support	7,475	6,312				6,312	1,163	
<b>Total Programme Support</b>	<b>7,475</b>	<b>6,312</b>				<b>6,312</b>	<b>1,163</b>	
<b>Services</b>								
Services & Recoveries		2				2	-2	
<b>Total Services</b>		<b>2</b>				<b>2</b>	<b>-2</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>115,000</b>	<b>97,106</b>				<b>97,106</b>	<b>17,894</b>	
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>		<b>17,894</b>				<b>17,894</b>		