

# INFORMATION BULLETIN



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## ***BRAZIL: FLOODS & LANDSLIDES***

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### ***The Situation***

Heavy rains in the last two weeks have caused heavy flooding and mudslides in the State of Rio de Janeiro. The most affected areas have been the slums and shanty towns (“favelas”) in Petrópolis, Duque de Caxias and Paracambi. Rio de Janeiro city, Niteroi, Japari, B. Jardim, B. Roxo and other towns have been also affected.

The Civil Defense’s report of 26 December indicated there are 46 deaths, 32 missing persons, 1,528 homeless, 167 people partially affected, 142 houses destroyed and 252 houses partially damaged.

### ***Red Cross/Red Crescent Action***

The Brazilian Red Cross’s three municipal branches in the State of Rio de Janeiro, in particular the Nova Iguaçu branch (recently appointed by the National Board to become the Rio de Janeiro State branch), have been helping the Civil Defense authorities through their volunteers to respond to the disaster. The Brazilian Red Cross headquarters is providing coordination and some material assistance despite the severe limitation of resources caused by institutional constraints experienced in the last nine years.

The Brazilian Red Cross leadership, contacted by the International Federation, advised that international help is not needed at the current time as the Civil Defense and other municipal, Rio State and federal authorities have the situation under control and are coping with this disaster.

The Federation, through its Regional Delegation for South America and the Panamerican Disaster Response Unit (PADRU), are monitoring the situation and maintaining regular contact with the Brazilian Red Cross.

For a full description of the National Society profile, see [www.ifrc.org](http://www.ifrc.org)

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