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Emergency appeal Argentina: Floods

 International Federation
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Appeal no. **MDRAR010**

23,000 people to be assisted

Appeal launched **22 January 2016**

Glide no. [FL-2016-000003-ARG](#)

199,829 Swiss francs DREF allocated

Appeal ends **January 2017**

1,006,132 Swiss francs Appeal budget

Timeframe **12 months**

This Emergency Appeal seeks a total of some **1,006,132 Swiss francs** to enable the IFRC to support the **Argentine Red Cross (ARC)** to deliver assistance and support to some **23,000 people** with a focus on **first aid, shelter, health and care, psycho-social support, water, sanitation, hygiene promotion, livelihoods, disaster preparedness and institutional capacity building**. The planned response reflects the current situation and information available at this point of the evolving operation, and will be adjusted based on further developments and more detailed assessments. Details are available in the Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) [<click here>](#)

The disaster and the Red Cross Red Crescent response to date

December 2015: The severe rains caused by the El Niño phenomenon have affected close to 51,000 people (10,186 families) in 14 provinces across Argentina.

8 January 2016: 199,829 Swiss francs allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the start of assessments and the delivery of assistance.

20 January 2016: Emergency Appeal launched for 1,006,132 Swiss francs to reach 23,000 flood-affected people.



Aerial view of Santa Fé which shows the overflowed Paraná River, where more than 3,300 people have been affected. Source: Argentina Red Cross

The operational strategy

Needs assessment and beneficiary selection: Out of the 14 affected provinces nationwide, the Argentina Red Cross has identified the following as the most affected: Formosa, Santa Fe, Entre Ríos and Corrientes with a total of some 32,933 people in need of assistance. Out of the total number of affected people, priority will be given to the most vulnerable groups consisting of the evacuee families in collective centres so they can return to their homes as soon as the waters start to recede, and the most vulnerable families who have self-evacuated. The table below reflects the summary figures. The detailed breakdown per city is available in the Emergency Plan of Action.

Province	Municipality	N° of families	N° of people
Entre Ríos	Concordia	2,000	10,000
	Concepción del Uruguay	225	1,125
	Colon	175	875
Formosa	Clorinda	1,200	6,000
Corrientes	Perrugoria	63	317
	Corrientes	75	375
	Bella Vista	50	250
	Goya	212	1060
Santa Fe	Santa Fe	300	1500
	Arroyo Reyes	200	1000
	Santa Rosa	100	500
Total		4,600	23,002

Immediate needs: The main needs identified are First Aid and health care, psychosocial support, ensuring the provision of potable water and water storage, hygiene promotion campaigns, cleaning kits to support sanitation efforts when families are able to return to their homes, and livelihoods support.

Longer-term needs: Given the current conditions the longer-term needs will depend on the impact of the El Niño phenomenon. The operational planning has been developed to support and reinforce disaster preparedness capacities at the community level in the most affected areas. It also aims to strengthen the ARC's local branch capacities and volunteers in the affected area, and to engage with the government to improve national legislation for international disaster assistance. As the interventions progress, additional needs will be determined by constantly monitoring the situation.

Operational strategy

Overall objective: The overall objective of this operation is to ensure that people affected by the floods in the four affected provinces

of Entre Rios, Formosa, Santa Fe, and Corrientes receive appropriate assistance in a timely, effective, and efficient manner and are supported to recover with increased disaster resilience. The operation takes into



A Red Cross volunteers provides first aid care to an elderly woman in the health post set up in the Velez Sardfield district, located in the city of Concordia (Entre Ríos province). Source: ARC, 10 January 2016.

consideration the forecast on the impact of the El Niño Phenomenon for the coming months in order to ensure readiness in the response.


The immediate response efforts will focus on the sectors of health and care, hygiene promotion, water and sanitation, shelter and livelihoods. The operation will support and increase the ARC's overall capacity, human resources skills within the branches located in target areas (particularly volunteers), and disaster preparedness expertise to support communities. One component of the increased capacity is the linkage with the National Meteorological System (NMS) at the local and provincial levels, and the initiative to set-up a community based early warning system (EWS) in the affected provinces with the procurement of four meteorological systems in the form of float gauges or gauge stations to record and transmit measurements of river water levels.


Proposed sectors of intervention



From the onset of the emergency the IFRC's country coordinator and the Pan-American Disaster Response Unit have maintained direct communication with the Argentine Red Cross. The IFRC's emergency shelter officer travelled to the country to support assessment efforts in the most affected provinces and to support the development of this Emergency Appeal. The ARC has also been well supported by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

In early December 2015 Argentina underwent a change in national and provincial government structures, resulting in a change in coordination mechanisms, roles, and responsibilities between the various governmental actors engaged in emergency response and necessitating adjustments from operational agencies in interacting with the respective Government ministries (Security, Public Finance, the Interior, Public Works and Housing, the Environment and Sustainable Development, Social Development, Defence, Foreign Affairs, and Cabinet leadership). As an auxiliary to the Government, the ARC is actively engaged in all the coordination efforts, including ensuring adequate security and risk reduction measures.

	<h3>Health and care</h3>
<p>Outcome 1. The immediate risks to the health of 5,000 families affected by flooding in collective centres or affected areas are reduced.</p>	
<p>Output 1.1 5,000 affected families are provided with rapid medical management of injuries and diseases.</p>	
<p>Output 1.2 Psychosocial support is provided to at least 10,000 persons affected by flooding.</p>	
<p>Output 1.3 Community-based Health and First Aid (CBHFA), disease prevention, and health promotion is provided to at least 5,000 families.</p>	
<p>Activities planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procure first aid materials and inputs for health posts • Set up and adapt mobile first aid posts • Provide first aid care • Carry out PSS sessions for affected communities • Train ARC branch volunteers on CBHFA methodology • Carry out CBHFA workshops for affected communities • Produce health promotion materials focusing on dengue prevention but also others diseases • Disseminate health promotion materials 	

	<h3>Water; Sanitation; Hygiene promotion</h3>
<p>Outcome 2. At least 4,000 families have access to safe water, hygiene promotion and improve their water and sanitation conditions.</p>	
<p>Output 2.1 At least 4,000 families receive support and information on safe water use and household sanitation.</p>	

Output 2.2 Hygiene-related goods (basic household items) are provided to 800 families.

Activities planned:

- Distribute 10-litre jerrycans (two per family) and chlorine tablets (2,100 tablets per family per month) in Clorinda to 800 families
- Conduct safe water use workshops for target population
- Distribute 1,000 cleaning kits (1 per family) in the communities of Clorinda, Concepción de Uruguay, Concordia and Corrientes
- Provide information on safe water use and household sanitation to 4,000 families
- Conduct 15 household sanitation campaigns



Shelter and settlements

Outcome 3. Emergency shelter assistance is provided to the target population in Concordia, Concepción del Uruguay and Santa Fé.

Output 3.1 1,586 affected families are assisted in Clorinda, Concepción del Uruguay, Concordia y Santa Fé with USD 150 in unconditional cash grants to meet their immediate needs upon returning to their homes.

Output 3.2 400 families in Los Kilometros in Clorinda receive a shelter kit.

Activities planned:

- Carry out beneficiary evaluation and registration using ODK
- Complete market analysis and determine amount of assistance required
- Notify beneficiaries
- Coordinate with selected bank for the issuance of cards
- Deliver cards to beneficiaries
- Monitor card use
- Register beneficiaries using Mega-V to deliver kits
- Arrange transport of kits to the ARC's central warehouse
- Distribute 400 shelter kits
- Condition ARC central warehouse to collect kits



Livelihoods

Outcome 4. Livelihoods are protected and negative coping strategies reduced among 400 affected families in Clorinda.

Output 4.1. Working capital and inputs sufficient to resume activities.

Activities planned:

- Conduct detailed livelihoods assessments
- Carry out beneficiary evaluation and registration
- Complete market analysis and determine amount of assistance required
- Notify to beneficiaries
- Coordinate with selected bank for the issuance of cards
- Deliver cards to beneficiaries
- Monitor card use



Disaster preparedness and emergency response preparedness

Outcome 5. Communities' resilience to disasters is protected and restored in the four target provinces.

Output 5.1 Resource mapping of vulnerabilities, capacities and risks related to multiple hazards is conducted for the affected communities.

Activities planned:

- Select and validate four communities together with local volunteers in the provinces of Santa Fe, Formosa, Corrientes and Entre Ríos.
- Conduct baseline studies in each community

- Conduct a “Learning by carrying out Vulnerability Capacity Assessment (VCA) workshop linked with climate change for 25 ARC volunteers in one target community
- Conduct a VCA linked with climate change in the other three target communities
- Conduct workshops on disaster risk reduction topics including CBHFA, prepared family module and on local hazards identified in the VCA
- Conduct monitoring and follow-up of disaster risk reduction activities

Outcome 6. Four ARC branches in the Argentine coastal region are strengthened in risk management and disaster response.

Output 6.1 Volunteer capacity in risk management, and disaster response is strengthened.

- Carry out response and contingency planning workshops for 24 volunteers
- Organize a meeting focused on El Niño

Outcome 7. The preparedness capacity of four branches in the Argentine coastal region has been strengthened and reinforced with meteorological river float or gauge stations to measure and monitor water levels for early warning system (EWS), linked to the National Meteorological System (NMS).

Output 7.1 25 volunteers have increased their knowledge of the meteorological systems for EWS.

- Organize workshop on climate change and the El Niño Phenomenon by the Climate Centre
- Procure and install river float or gauge stations to measure water levels
- Carry out systematic monitoring of rivers and monitoring of communities



National Society's Institutional Preparedness and Capacity Building

Outcome 8. The Argentine Red Cross has increased its disaster management capacity.

Output 8.1 ARC emergency response capacity of staff and volunteers is strengthened

- Carry out NIT trainings
- Train 25 ARC members on emergency operation centre management
- Develop contingency emergency plans for headquarters and townships that are regularly affected by disasters



Quality programming / Areas common to all sectors

Outcome 9. Continuous and detailed assessment and analysis are used to inform the design and implementation of the operation.

Output 9.1 Initial needs are assessed in consultation with beneficiaries.

Output 9.2 The management of the operation is informed by a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation system.

Output 9.3 Operation activities are shared over local, regional and national media.

Activities planned:

- Complete rapid assessments
- Conduct detailed assessments
- Deploy Regional Intervention Teams (RIT's) for water, sanitation, livelihoods and general coordination
- Maintain functioning of the ARC's National Emergency Operation Centre
- Carry out meetings with National Intervention Teams (NIT's) for activity planning and implementation
- Communicate the ARC's Plan of Action internally and externally
- Carry out monitoring visits
- Coordinate meetings with local, provincial and national authorities
- Complete beneficiary satisfaction survey
- Record beneficiary stories, and publish communications material
- Disseminate press releases for accountability to the community
- Hire ARC staff (1 coordinator, 3 technicians and 1 finance officer) to support the operation
- Carry out a lessons-learned workshop and coordinate the final external evaluation

€ Budget

See attached IFRC Secretariat budget (**Annex 1**) for details.

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Reference documents



Click here for:

- **Previous DREF bulletin**
- **Map of affected areas**
- **Emergency Plan of Action (EPOA)**

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How we work

All IFRC 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 the **Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response (Sphere)** in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable. The IFRC's vision is to inspire, **encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities** by National Societies, with a view to **preventing and alleviating human suffering**, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:



Save lives,
protect livelihoods,
and strengthen recovery
from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**
and **safe** living.



Promote social inclusion
and a culture of
non-violence and **peace.**

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MDRAR010 - ARGENTINA FLOODS

Budget Group	Multilateral Response	Inter-Agency Shelter Coord.	Bilateral Response	Appeal Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	21,868			21,868
Shelter - Transitional	0			0
Construction - Housing	0			0
Construction - Facilities	0			0
Construction - Materials	0			0
Clothing & Textiles	0			0
Food	0			0
Seeds & Plants	0			0
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	7,348			7,348
Medical & First Aid	9,145			9,145
Teaching Materials	66,100			66,100
Utensils & Tools	3,499			3,499
Other Supplies & Services	52,681			52,681
Emergency Response Units	0			0
Cash Disbursements	296,108			296,108
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	456,748	0	0	456,748
Land & Buildings	0			0
Vehicles	24,850			24,850
Computer & Telecom Equipment	0			0
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	0			0
Medical Equipment	0			0
Other Machinery & Equipment	0			0
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	24,850	0	0	24,850
Storage, Warehousing	12,442			12,442
Distribution & Monitoring	1,640			1,640
Transport & Vehicle Costs	74,897			74,897
Logistics Services	14,512			14,512
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	103,491	0	0	103,491
International Staff	24,850			24,850
National Staff	10,437			10,437
National Society Staff	84,531			84,531
Volunteers	20,474			20,474
Other Staff Benefits	6,560			6,560
Total PERSONNEL	146,851	0	0	146,851
Consultants	9,940			9,940
Professional Fees	0			0
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	9,940	0	0	9,940
Workshops & Training	149,893			149,893
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	149,893	0	0	149,893
Travel	12,425			12,425
Information & Public Relations	10,139			10,139
Office Costs	16,898			16,898
Communications	6,262			6,262
Financial Charges	5,169			5,169
Other General Expenses	0			0
Shared Office and Services Costs	2,060			2,060
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	52,952	0	0	52,952
Partner National Societies	0			0
Other Partners (NGOs, UN, other)	0			0
Total TRANSFER TO PARTNERS	0	0	0	0
Programme and Services Support Recovery	61,407	0	0	61,407
Total INDIRECT COSTS	61,407	0	0	61,407
Pledge Earmarking & Reporting Fees	0			0
Total PLEDGE SPECIFIC COSTS	0	0	0	0
TOTAL BUDGET	1,006,132	0	0	1,006,132
Available Resources				
Multilateral Contributions				0
Bilateral Contributions				0
TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES	0	0	0	0
NET EMERGENCY APPEAL NEEDS	1,006,132	0	0	1,006,132



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