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Emergency Appeal Argentina: Floods

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Revised Appeal n° MDRAR010	12,500 people (2,500 families) to be assisted	Appeal launched 22 January 2016
Glide n° FL-2016-000003-ARG	199,829 Swiss francs DREF allocated	Revision n° 1 issued 22 August 2016
	448,933 Swiss francs current Revised Appeal budget	Appeal ends 8 November 2016 (reduced from 12 months in this Revised Appeal)
	203,035 Swiss francs funding gap	

This revised Emergency Appeal seeks **203,035 Swiss francs** to enable the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) to support the Argentine Red Cross (ARC) to deliver assistance and support to **12,500 people** with a focus on first aid, shelter, health and care, psycho-social support (PSS), water, sanitation, hygiene promotion, livelihoods, disaster preparedness and institutional capacity building. In direct coordination with ARC, the IFRC is revising this emergency appeal and reducing the operation's timeframe from 12 to 10 months. This revised Emergency Appeal has a current budget of **448,933 Swiss francs**, a decrease in the operation's original budget of 1,006,132 Swiss francs. The budget has been reduced based on the prioritization of activities assessed according to current scenarios and the resources available through response to the appeal to date.

Further details are available in the Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA). Click [here](#) for the EPoA.

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.

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

April 2016: Another spell of heavy rainfall in seven provinces.

12 April 2016: IFRC issues Emergency Appeal Operations Update to support the start of assessments and the delivery of assistance.

22 August 2016: IFRC issues revised Emergency Appeal, launched for 448,933 Swiss francs with a revised timeframe of 10 months to reach 12,500 flood-affected people.

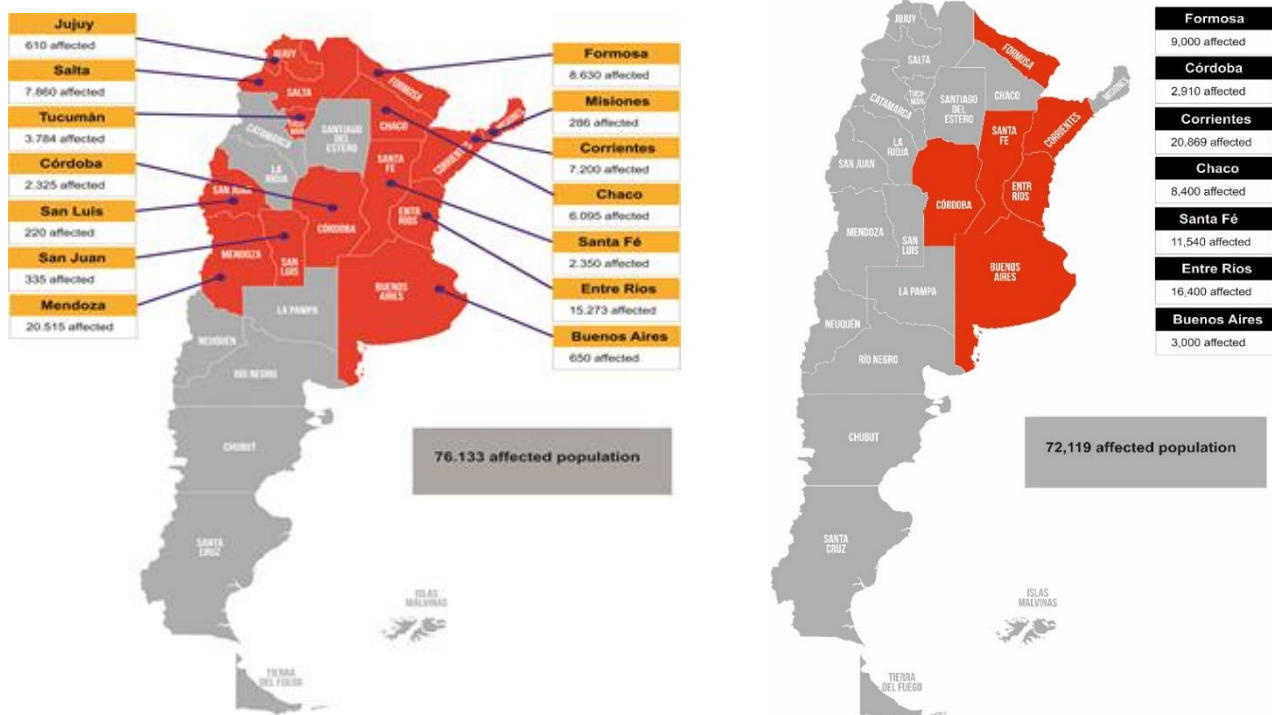


Registration of families affected by the flooding in Clorinda, Formosa. Source: ARC

The two graphics below detail the recurring impact of the heavy rains on the provinces of Formosa, Córdoba, Santa Fe, Corrientes, Entre Ríos and Buenos Aires:

Affected areas from 2 April to 23 April 2016

Affected areas after the flood in December 2015



The operational strategy

Needs assessments and beneficiary selection

New developments have made it necessary to revise the ARC's intervention strategy since previously unaffected areas are now affected and other areas affected since December 2015 have worsened due to subsequent spell of heavy rainfall in seven provinces in April 2016. The following provinces have been affected in this second phase of the disaster:

Santa Fe: Santa Fe (capital), Santa Rosa de Calchines, Arroyo Leyes and San Cristóbal.

Entre Ríos: La Paz, Concordia and Concepción del Uruguay.

Corrientes: Esquina, Pueblo Libertador and Paso Telégrafo.

Buenos Aires: Zárate, Campana.

Córdoba: San Pedro, Pozo del Molle.

Formosa: Clorinda.

The National Society is prioritizing its actions in the following areas based on the evolution of the rainfall and flooding and the continuity of the operation:

Province	Families to be reached	People to be reached
Santa Fe	600	3,000
Entre Ríos	300	1,500
Corrientes	400	2,000
Buenos Aires	400	2,000
Córdoba	300	1,500
Formosa	500	2,500
Total	2,500	12,500

Summary of response to date

- First aid was provided to a total of 2,844 people mainly due to cuts, hypertensive crises and minor injuries.
- Psychosocial support was provided to 6,972 people including in new locations after the April 2016 emergency.
- More than 3,000 families were reached through community based health and first aid (CBHFA) workshops.
- 25,000 flyers and 2,000 posters on Dengue, Chikungunya and Zika have been produced, in addition to 5,000 flyers on diarrhoea, 5,000 on snakebites, 5,000 on various insect bites and 10,000 on water and sanitation.
- 1,062 jerrycans and 67,496 water purification sachets have been distributed to 651 families.
- 1,000 cleaning kits have been distributed among 438 families.
- Awareness campaigns were conducted on safe water use and household sanitation.
- Assessments were conducted to plan cash transfer programming and the activities are currently in progress.

Overall objective

The initial overall objective of the plan of action for this operation was to ensure that people affected by the floods in the provinces of Buenos Aires, Entre Ríos, Formosa, Santa Fe and Corrientes receive adequate and timely assistance and the necessary support to increase their capacity for early recovery.

The initial operational planning had considered the forecasted impact of the El Niño phenomenon. The El Niño phenomenon had an impact in late December and then in April. Although there was a forecast for increased precipitation in May and June but this did not occur. Since then, no heavy rains have fallen in the targeted regions.

In view of the evolution of the situation, the overall objective mentioned above will be maintained with a focus on the targeted areas mentioned above and the proposed sectors of interventions remain the same.

The operation will help ARC to build capacity in:

- Disaster management, assuming a commitment to working together with the government.
- Increasing local capacity (branch volunteers) in emergency management.
- Disaster risk reduction work to support communities with their recovery processes and building their resilience to these events in the medium and short-term.

Coordination and partnership

The IFRC has maintained communication with the National Society through the country coordinator and the Pan-American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU). A general Regional Intervention Team (RIT) member from the Mexican Red Cross supported the operation initially and IFRC Regional Office for the Americas supported the implementation with monitoring and technical support.

A tripartite agreement was signed between the National Society, the IFRC and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in order to maximize the Movement's overall capacity to fulfil its humanitarian mission and strengthen ARC's capacity. The ICRC also has representation in the country and works with authorities on the integration, implementation and dissemination of International Humanitarian Law and international standards on the use of force as per its mandate.

At the national level, the Secretariat for Civil Protection and Comprehensive Response to Emergencies and Catastrophes (Ministry of Security) and Federal Emergency System (SIFEM) (reactivated in December 2015) continue to coordinate with affected provinces and relevant ministries.

At the local level, provincial and municipal governments continue to focus their efforts on mitigating the crisis, by evacuating families, distributing humanitarian aid, and reinforcing health and rehabilitating services. Locally-based organizations such as Caritas Argentina and Argentina Scouts continue with interventions from

their regional and local units. Institutions such as Red Solidaria, Rotary Club and Si Foundation have continued their national and local donation campaigns and organization of direct distributions in affected communities.

Proposed strategy


In order to fulfil the overall objective and bridge humanitarian gaps, ARC will work in the following sectors. The following table indicates the number of households to be reached in each of the following provinces:

Sectors for humanitarian aid	Province						TOTAL
	Corrientes	Santa Fe	Formosa	Buenos Aires	Córdoba	Entre Ríos	
First aid	70	130	25	30	50	500	805
Health promotion information	400	600	500	400	300	300	2,500
Psychosocial support	300	600	400	200	50	300	1,850
Water purifier	200	200	500	750	100	20	1,770
WASH information and training	400	600	500	400	300	300	2,500
Cleaning kits	150	-	-	300	-	-	450
Cash transfer programme	-	277	-	-	-	542	819
Shelter	-	-	385	-	-	-	385

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.

 Health
Outcome 1: At least 2,500 families affected by flooding in collective centres or affected areas reduce immediate health risks
Output 1.1: 2,500 families receive speedy medical treatment for injuries and illnesses
Output 1.2: At least 10,000 people receive PSS
Output 1.3: At least 2,500 families receive community health promotion and disease prevention
Activities

- 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
- Train branch volunteers on the CBHFA methodology
- Carry out CBHFA workshops for affected communities
- Production of health promotion materials that focus on dengue prevention and other diseases
- Dissemination of health promotion materials



Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion

Outcome 2: At least 2,500 families have access to safe water, hygiene promotion and improve their water and sanitation conditions

Output 2.1: 2,500 families receive support and information on safe water use and household sanitation

Output 2.2: 800 families receive hygiene-related items

Activities

- Distribute two 10-litre jerrycans and chlorine tablets (2,100 tablets per family per month) to 800 families in Clorinda
- Carry out safe water use workshops to target population
- Distribute 450 cleaning kits (one per family) in Clorinda, Concepción de Uruguay, Concordia and Corrientes.
- Provide information on safe water use and household sanitation to 4,000 families
- Conduct eight household sanitation campaigns



Shelter (including household non-food items)

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

Output 3.1: 819 affected families are assisted in Clorinda, Concepción del Uruguay, Concordia and Santa Fe through USD\$150 in conditional funds to meet their immediate needs upon returning to their homes

Output 3.2: 385 families in Los Kilómetros in Clorinda receive assistance, including cash transfer, for emergency shelter

Activities

- Carry out beneficiary evaluation and registration using open data kit
- 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
- Distribute 385 cash transfers for emergency shelter
- Technical assistance to build back safer



Disaster Risk Reduction

Outcome 4: Community disaster protection and restoration in four fundamental areas

Output 4.1: Mapping of resources for vulnerabilities, capacities and risks related to multiple hazards is carried out in four communities.

Activities

- Select and validate four communities, together with local volunteers, in the provinces of Santa Fe, Formosa, Corrientes and Entre Ríos
- Conduct "learning by doing" workshop linked to climate change with 25 ARC volunteers in one target community
- Conduct a VCA linked with climate change in the other three project communities
- Procure and provide equipment to three community teams



National Society Capacity Building

Outcome 5: Argentine Red Cross has increased its knowledge regarding disaster management capacity

Output 5.1: Staff and volunteer emergency response capacity is strengthened

Activities

- Conduct National Intervention Team (NIT) training courses



Quality programming

Outcome 6. Continuous and detailed assessment and analysis are used to inform the design and implementation of the operation.

Output 6.1 Initial needs are assessed in consultation with beneficiaries.

Output 6.2 The management of the operation is informed by a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation system.

Output 6.3 Operation activities are shared over local, regional and national media

Activities

- Complete rapid assessments
- Conduct detailed assessments
- Deploy RITs for general coordination
- Maintain functioning of the ARC's National Emergency Operation Centre
- Carry out meetings with NITs for activity planning and implementation
- Communicate the ARC's plan of action internally and externally
- Carry out monitoring visits (IFRC)
- Coordinate meetings with local, provincial and national authorities
- Carry out monitoring visits by ARC's headquarters
- Complete beneficiary satisfaction survey
- Record beneficiary stories, and publish communications material
- Disseminate press releases for accountability to the community
- Hire ARC staff (1 coordinator, and 1 finance officer) to support the operation
- Coordinate the final external evaluation
- Carry out Lessons Learned workshop.



Budget

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

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Reference documents



Click here for:

- [Previous Appeals and updates](#)
- [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	81,703			81,703
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	0			0
Medical & First Aid	3,948			3,948
Teaching Materials	21,913			21,913
Utensils & Tools	2,369			2,369
Other Supplies & Services	14,806			14,806
Emergency Response Units	0			0
Cash Disbursements	121,259			121,259
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	245,998	0	0	245,998
Land & Buildings	0			0
Vehicles	0			0
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	0	0	0	0
Storage, Warehousing	1,751			1,751
Distribution & Monitoring	2,093			2,093
Transport & Vehicle Costs	22,603			22,603
Logistics Services	3,183			3,183
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	29,630	0	0	29,630
International Staff	5,429			5,429
National Staff	9,871			9,871
National Society Staff	33,264			33,264
Volunteers	29,807			29,807
Other Staff Benefits	3,257			3,257
Total PERSONNEL	81,627	0	0	81,627
Consultants	7,008			7,008
Professional Fees	0			0
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	7,008	0	0	7,008
Workshops & Training	26,601			26,601
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	26,601	0	0	26,601
Travel	12,338			12,338
Information & Public Relations	7,798			7,798
Office Costs	2,961			2,961
Communications	3,455			3,455
Financial Charges	1,579			1,579
Other General Expenses	0			0
Shared Office and Services Costs	2,539			2,539
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	30,670	0	0	30,670
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	27,400	0	0	27,400
Total INDIRECT COSTS	27,400	0	0	27,400
Pledge Earmarking & Reporting Fees				0
Total PLEDGE SPECIFIC COSTS	0	0	0	0
TOTAL BUDGET	448,933	0	0	448,933
Available Resources				
Multilateral Contributions	245,898			245,898
Bilateral Contributions				0
TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES	245,898	0	0	245,898
NET EMERGENCY APPEAL NEEDS	203,035	0	0	203,035