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# Emergency appeal operations update

## Paraguay: Floods

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<b>Operation start date:</b> 24 December 2015	<b>Expected timeframe (revised):</b> 12 months (ends on 31 December 2016)
<b>Revised operation budget: 1,144,516 Swiss francs (CHF)</b>	
<b>Number of people affected: 136,450 (27,290 families)</b>	<b>Number of people to be assisted: 24,560 people (4,912 families)</b>
<b>Host National Society:</b> The Paraguayan Red Cross has 10 branches, 200 volunteers and 40 staff members.	
<b>Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation:</b> Swiss Red Cross, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). The PRC has received support from American Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross Society through the Canadian government, Japanese Red Cross Society, Monaco Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross and Swiss Red Cross.	
<b>Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation:</b> The European Union through the National Emergency Secretariat (SEN), Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare (MSPBS) – II Health Region, Armed Forces (particularly the Navy), volunteer fire department in San Pedro de Ycuamandiyú, Agricultural Extension Directorate (DEAG), National Police, National Electricity Authority (ANDE) and departmental governments through their Disaster Risk Management and Reduction Secretariats.	
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## Summary

**December 2015:** Substantial rainfall, linked to the El Niño phenomenon Southern Oscillation (ENSO), led to rising rivers and flooding that affected 136,450 people (27,290 families).

**24 December 2015:** A [Disaster Relief Emergency Fund](#) (DREF) operation was launched for 155,097 Swiss francs to reach 5,225 people (1,045 households) in Ñeembucú and San Pedro departments.

**8 January 2016:** A second instalment of 50,000 Swiss francs from DREF was allotted due to the escalating situation in Asunción. A total of 205,097 Swiss francs from the DREF was allocated to reach 10,370 people (2,074 households).

**27 January 2016:** [Emergency Appeal](#) launched for 2,084,871 Swiss francs to reach 24,560 people (4,912 households) in 10 months.

**22 September 2016:** [Revised Emergency Appeal](#) for 1,144,516 Swiss francs to reach 24,560 people (4,912 households) in 12 months.



PRC volunteers conduct community hygiene promotion activities in Puerto Amistad, San Pedro department. Source: PRC

## Coordination and partnerships

From the onset of the emergency, the IFRC has maintained regular communication and provided continuous support to the Paraguayan Red Cross. Initially, through its Pan-American

Disaster Response Unit (PADRU) and the deployment of two Regional Intervention Team (RIT) members specializing in water and sanitation and livelihoods) and now through its country cluster office for Brazil, Chile, and Paraguay, the IFRC is working with the National Society to strengthen its capacities during this emergency response and in future disasters. Additionally, the PRC's Disaster and Crisis Prevention, Response and Recovery (DCPRR) department is reporting on and coordinating support with all International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement components in the country, particularly the Swiss Red Cross and the ICRC.

The National Society has been cooperating and coordinating with national, departmental and municipal-level State institutions and other organizations since early December 2015.

## Operational implementation

### Overview

With four months until the close of the operation, the Paraguayan Red Cross has made great progress towards accomplishing many of the proposed outputs. By the end of this reporting period, the food security component had been fully completed. Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion activities have reached an average of 80 per cent of the proposed objectives for this operation with planned health (pre-hospital care and psychosocial support) activities showing a similar level of progress. This operations update provides information on actions conducted during the reporting period, which covered 1 August to 31 October 2016. The revised Emergency Plan of Action (link above), which was published on 22 September 2016, provides detailed information prior to this reporting period.

At this time, the appeal's coverage is at 82 per cent. The IFRC kindly requests further donations to ensure the completion of all of the operation's proposed objectives.

### DETAILED OPERATIONAL PLAN

#### Health and care

Activities	Implementation on time?		% of progress
	Yes	No	
Outcome 1: The immediate risks to the health of 4,912 affected families are reduced in San Pedro, Asunción and Ñeembucú	Outputs		% achieved
	Output 1.1: Community-based disease prevention and health promotion is provided to 4,912 affected families who have information and materials in San Pedro, Asunción and Ñeembucú		85%
	Output 1.2: 4,912 affected families in San Pedro Asunción and Ñeembucú have access to psychosocial support.		85%
	Output 1.3: 4,912 affected families in Asunción provided with first aid care		75%
1.1.1 Design and printing of materials	X		85%
1.1.2 Community health promotion sessions	X		85%
1.1.3 Dissemination of key messages for social media		X	In progress
1.2.1 Design and printing of materials	X		100%
1.2.2 Psychosocial support campaign	X		85%
1.2.3 Referral system for people requiring psychological care	X		In progress
1.3.1 Purchase of first aid supplies	X		100%
1.3.2 First aid treatment received	X		90.7%
<b>Progress towards results</b>			

### Output 1.1

Graphic materials containing information on vector-borne and respiratory diseases and diseases linked to water, sanitation and hygiene were designed. There is complementarity of actions between this appeal and the appeal launched for Zika because some of these materials were shared and financed by the Zika appeal operation. supplement the

Some of the community first aid materials for the community and emergency brigades have yet to be designed and printed; for that reason, this output has not been fully achieved.

By the writing of this report, 7,035 people had received health promotion information aimed at preventing Influenza, Zika, dengue and chikungunya.

Men	Women	Elderly males	Elderly females	Boys	Girls	Total
474	2,087	338	1,170	530	2,436	<b>7,035</b>

The carrying out of the lectures exclusively on Community First Aid, which will support future community brigades, is still pending.

Digital information materials (flyers) containing key messages on water, sanitation and hygiene promotion (WASH), emergency health and other components that refer to the health component have been designed.

### Output 1.2

During this reporting period, psychosocial support actions reached 7,345 people in 49 communities (21 in San Pedro, 22 in Asunción and 6 in Ñeembucú).

men	women	Elderly males	Elderly females	Boys	Girls	Total
881	1,289	214	897	495	3,569	<b>7,345</b>

Community lectures reached 7,345 people (1,590 men and 5,755 women).

The last visit to Ñeembucú department and a final tour of San Pedro department are scheduled for November and December 2016, respectively.

The PRC referred 14 cases (7 males and 7 females) to professional psychological care for cases of gender-based violence (2), child abuse (10) and post-traumatic stress (2).

### Output 1.3

The majority of patients who came to the tents seeking pre-hospital care during the reporting period were children (ages 12 and under), who were mainly suffering from colds and respiratory problems; this activity concluded with a total of 782 people from 11 communities suffering from colds. Conditions were very crowded and ground conditions were difficult in the temporary collective centres, where the pre-hospital was delivered.

The PRC is assessing the possibility of conducting one last pre-hospital care activity in support of a protection line of action in the final month of the operation (December 2016).

## Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion

	Outputs	% achieved
Outcome 2: The immediate reduction and longer term of water related diseases in 4,912 affected families the target population in San Pedro, Asunción and Ñeembucú, through of the prioritizing response actions, rehabilitation and preparation.	<b>Output 2.1:</b> Hygiene promotion activities, which meet Sphere standards, are provided to the entire 4,912 affected families in San Pedro, Asunción and Ñeembucú	85%
	<b>Output 2.2:</b> Daily access to safe water which meets Sphere and World Health Organization (WHO) standards in terms of quantity and quality is provided to 2,814 households in San Pedro, Asunción and Ñeembucú	85%
	<b>Output 2.3:</b> 1,953 affected families in Ñeembucú benefit from safe water through the Red Cross's distribution system and purification (bladders, and water filters) and 2,214 affected	85%

Activities	Implementation on time?		% of progress
	Yes	No	
2.1.1. Hygiene promotion activities, including workshops, in the affected communities	X		85%
2.1.2. Survey on hygiene conditions in the affected communities to define the intervention strategy	X		100%
2.1.3. Implementation of a Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) workshop for volunteers in San Pedro and Ñeembucú	X		100%
2.1.4. Tender process for acquisition of hygiene kits	X		100%
2.1.5. Selection of supplier	X		100%
2.1.6. Distribution and delivery of 600 hygiene kits to communities in San Pedro and 2,214 hygiene kits to collective centres in Asunción.	X		75%
2.1.7. Maintenance and repair of 15 sanitary units already installed in the collective centres and the installation of 23 additional sanitary units in Asunción.	X		100%
2.1.8. Acquisition of one pump to extract water, along with accessories for Ñeembucú	X		100%
2.1.9. Conduct hygiene assessments, using knowledge, aptitude, practice (KAP) methodology in the affected communities, in order to define the intervention strategy	X		75%
2.1.10 Conduct a community intervention plan with the beneficiaries as an accountability strategy and to disseminate information on the progress of the intervention	X		80%
2.1.11. Installation of latrines, technical guidance and support for their construction and maintenance in the affected communities in San Pedro		X	20%
2.2.1. Tender process for acquisition of 20-litre jerrycans (1,200 in San Pedro, 4,428 in Asunción and 2,016 in Ñeembucú)	X		100%
2.2.2. Selection of supplier	X		100%
2.2.3. Distribution of 6,764 20-litre jerrycans(2 per family)	X		50%
2.2.4. Repair of a community water treatment plant in the Poroto community in San Pedro		X	25%
2.2.5. Improvement of the water distribution system in Picada and Naranjahai communities in San Pedro		X	25%
2.3.1. Acquisition and distribution of water filters for affected families in Ñeembucú	X		100%
2.3.2. Acquisition and distribution of chlorine tablets in Asunción.	X		50%
2.3.3. Community workshops on community water treatment		X	0%
2.3.4. Acquisition and distribution of water treatment materials for the affected households in Asunción and San Pedro		X	0%

### Progress towards results

#### Output 2.1

As mentioned in the revised Emergency Plan of Action, the PRC has reached 7,955 people through hygiene promotion activities in 25 communities in Asunción and 22 communities in San Pedro as detailed in the following table:

Men	Women	Elderly males	Elderly females	Boys	Girls	Total
632	2,440	1,239	503	2491	650	<b>7,955</b>

The second phase of these promotional activities will be rolled-out in the Ñeembucú department starting in mid-November 2016, and a monitoring and evaluation mission will be conducted prior to the finalization of this activity.

PHAST workshops were held on 23 and 24 October 2016 at the Ñeembucú branch; the workshops were attended by 9 volunteers (3 females and 6 males), who will be replicating them at the community level by the end of November 2016.

A call for tender 4,912 hygiene kits was conducted within the framework of the actions financed by ECHO. These will be distributed in San Pedro to 1,045 households, in Ñeembucú to 1,653 households and 2,214 households in Asuncion. Each kit contains 4 bars of soap (90 grams), 1 towel (60x40 cm), 5 toothbrushes and 5 tubes of tooth paste.

This call also included the acquisition of 1,728 household cleaning kits to be distributed exclusively in Asunción; the kits contain bleach (5 litres), detergent (5 litres), Creolina disinfectant (350 ml), metal brushes (two units), trash bags (4 packs of 10 150-litre reinforced units; industrial grade rubber gloves (two units), 1 20-litre bucket; 1 thick bristle broom and 2 coconut 130-gram bars of soap (10 units)

In total, 977 units, as described above, have been distributed, and 52 units are pending delivery.

Community	Number of kits
Gas Corona	180
San Miguel Arcangel	153
Dublin	125
Indias	116
Laguna Pyta	102
Cancha Humaita	54
San Miguel Guerrero	53
Cadete Insfran	53
Laguna Pyta	40
Gas Corona	30
Faenamamiento	24
Indias	18
San Miguel Arcangel	17
Cadete Insfran	12
<b>Total distributed</b>	<b>977</b>

During the first phase, 22 bathrooms and 22 showers were installed and repaired in 6 locations (see table below). All of the repair projects secured matching contributions from the community, which was an added value since only 15 sanitary units were initially scheduled to be repaired.

All 23 sanitary units (each composed of a toilet and shower) are already at the PRC warehouse, along with a certificate of receipt indicating the amount received (the details are below); additionally, it is important to highlight that they are ready to be used a second time.

Collective centre	Location	Quantity of units	Number of families
Expopar	Corner of Coronel Abdon Palacios and Gaspar Centurion streets	1 double unit	29
Dublin	Area of Dublin and Suiza streets	1 double unit	79
Capitán Insfran and Capitán Grau.	Area: Albino Grau and Julio Insfran streets	2 5-unit modules	103

India	Area: India and Edimburgo streets	1 2-unit module	40
GAS CORONA	Gervasio Artigas avenue between San Juan and Pastor Ibáñez streets	10 Sanitary units	197
Cancha Humaitá	Corner of Dublín and Inglaterra.	1 double unit	192
	Corner of Dublín and Suiza streets	1 2-unit module	
<b>Total</b>			640

One water extraction pump, with accessories (15 m<sup>3</sup>/h), were delivered in Ñeembucú on 1 August 2016. Through the appropriate formal procedure, PRC national headquarters officially delivered to the Ñeembucú branch one centrifugal open impeller pump that is adaptable to diesel and electric motors, with a flow of 15,000 to 18,000 cubic metres per hour and pump accessories. Both the pump and accessories are being stored in the branch's warehouse.

The municipality of Pilar has already approved the proposed cooperation agreement that the mayor submitted to the Municipal Board, which is now pending the final approval and official resolution.

The PRC has a community intervention plan that is based on communication and constant contact with leaders, well-known figures in the community and used for dissemination and planning. This plan aims to maintain a fluid channel of communication and outreach to inform community members about the operation's action. The communication plan provides information with specific points related to beneficiaries' participation and has established an email account and a mobile number so beneficiaries can directly contact the PRC regarding the operation. Additionally, pamphlets will be printed to further this objective. The activities in communication are also planned in coordination with the PRC operation to respond to Zika.

At the operational level, the National Society has held meetings in the community since the start of the operation. These have provided information on the actions to be implemented, expected products, funding sources, among others.

With regards to local authorities, the PRC maintains close coordination with the secretariat for risk reduction in San Pedro, municipal authorities of the districts of San Pedro del Ycuamandiyú, Antequera, Chore and Villa del Rosario, as well as technicians from the state's Directorate for Agrarian Extension.

The PRC has started the process for the acquisition and distribution of ecological latrines: identification of beneficiaries and tender process in line with standard IFRC acquisition procedures.

### **Output 2.2**

The PRC's projected distribution is 6,764 20-litre jerry cans (2,090 in San Pedro, 2,474 in Asunción and 2,200 in Ñeembucú); the, American Red Cross contributed 14,088 10-litre jerry cans, which have been distributed in Asunción and in parts of Ñeembucú. As of the end of this reporting period, 3,970 units (2 per beneficiary) have been distributed to 1,985 households.

The PRC has distributed 1,053 water filters, of which 916 were distributed in the districts of Cerrito (318), Mayor Martinez (393), Pilar (102) and Villabin (103) in Ñeembucú, and 137 filters were distributed in the districts of Antequera (52), San Pedro (70) and Villa del Rosario (15) in San Pedro del Ycuamandiyú. 2.2.4.

This activity started in July with the actions to identify technicians for the repair of the water treatment plant. Despite the call for technical companies for this task, only one company has expressed interest. This company, in contact with the State's regulating agency for sanitation systems (ERSSAN) was informed that the current system used in the community is obsolete.

The local authority additionally has requested that the state's water service conduct an analysis of the water quality. At the end of this reporting period, the technical report based on ERSSAN's recommendations remains pending. It is expected to be able to have the financial and technical components of the plan for the water treatment plant in early December.

Community meetings were held in Picada (Antequera) and Naranjahai (Chore) in July and August to identify

precise needs. The tender process for needed materials is scheduled for early December.

In Picada, the municipal government, in coordination with the sanitation board, is supporting these actions. This action as currently planned will benefit 82 per cent of the population. However, 18% will continue to require coverage, which entails 1,500 to 1,700 metres more of pipes. The local community has offered its manual labour for the installation of pipes.

In Naranjahai, the national sanitation service (SENASA) plans on drilling a well in the area before 2017. The PRC is working in coordination with SEN and SENASA; the National Society will acquire 3,000 metres of tubes to reach 40 families.

### Output 2.3

The PRC also distributed 2,000 cartridges for water filters in Ñeembucú to the families that still had the water filters distributed a previous operation in 2014. The cartridges were distributed in the following 7 districts: Cerrito (121), General Diaz (350), Huamita (326), Isla Umbu (395), Mayor Martinez (396), Pilar (234) and Villalbin (178). Additionally, the PRC distributed 1,053 water filters (916 to 4 districts in Ñeembucú and 137 in 3 districts in Ycuamandiyú) to newly affected families. Tablets will be delivered in San Pedro in order to close the safe and potable water generation circle. Tablets are scheduled to be delivered in San Pedro and Ñeembucú.

A total of 650,000 water purification tablets have been acquired; they will be distributed in Asunción, San Pedro and Ñeembucú. Tablets will be delivered in the San Pedro, Asunción and Ñeembucú latter in order to close the safe and potable water generation circle. Tablets are scheduled to be delivered in San Pedro and Ñeembucú in mid to late December. The WASH specialist will provide training in order to determine the number of tablets to be distributed to the affected families. In the case of Asunción, the status of the water sources will be checked once again in order to evaluate the need for water purification tablets; if not needed, more will be allocated to affected families in rural areas.

The planned training on community water treatment will be done concurrently with the distributions of household water systems.

As this reporting period came to a close, the PRC continued the acquisition process for water treatment materials that will be distributed and used in Asunción, Ñeembucú and San Pedro.

## Food security, nutrition and livelihoods

Outcome 3: 2,053 affected families in San Pedro and Ñeembucú receive a monthly food kit for two months to support food security.	Outputs		% achieved
		Output 3.1: 2,053 families receive food kits	
Activities	Implementation on time?		% of progress
	Yes	No	
3.1.1. Beneficiary identification and selection	X		100%
3.1.2. Tender process to select suppliers	X		100%
3.1.3. Distribution of food kits	X		100%
3.1.4. Distribution and monitoring through the Mega V system.	X		100%
4: 1,045 families have reactivated their livelihoods and agricultural production in San Pedro	Outputs		% achieved
	Output 4.1: 1,045 families receive funding through the cash transfer programme to reactivate their livelihoods		50%
Output 4.2: 1,045 families improve their capacities to protect their livelihoods			25%
Activities	Implementation on time?		% of progress
	Yes	No	
4.1.1. Conduct a market study/identification and selection of programme	X		100%

suppliers			
4.1.2. Training for families on how to use the Cash Transfer Programme (CTP)	X		In progress
4.1.3. Implementation of the CTP programme for 1,045 families in San Pedro.	X		Pending
4.2.1. Conduct a market study/identification and selection of suppliers for tools and materials to be delivered to beneficiaries.	X		100%
4.2.2. Training for families on livelihoods protection actions	X		Pending
4.2.3. Accompaniment for families in livelihoods protection activities to be implemented	X		Pending

### Progress towards results

#### **Output 3.1**

The identification (using Open Data Kit [ODK] and Mega V), selection and distribution of 32-kg food kits to the most vulnerable households were discussed in the previous report. A total of 2,053 households (10,265 people) were reached.

#### **Output 4.1**

In this reporting period, the PRC completed its study on the most efficient and effective manner to distribute cash vouchers in four locations (Chore, San Estanislao, San Pedro del Ycuamandiyú and Concepción). In terms of market identification, 16 potential suppliers were found in the targeted areas; All of them were called and six companies submitted bids. The plan is to select one supplier per district in order to facilitate and streamline the administrative and logistical processes so that families can access supplies, as these will be ordered (first stage) and delivered (second stage) simultaneously in all four districts. There will be a catalogue listing all of the available goods based on a list of agricultural and veterinary supplies and hardware items.

The selection and procurement process was carried out through PRC's Administrative Directorate as per procedures established by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and with prior approval from Geneva's Logistics Unit

A livelihoods consultant was hired to develop and implement the general CTP proposal for San Pedro. Through an addendum to the original contract, the consultant will also provide technical support (a month and half) to each beneficiary household; the consultant will also conduct a market study/identification and selection of suppliers for the programme and an exit strategy, develop the criteria to select the communities and families to be benefitted through the CTP and Vulnerability criteria, organize community meetings to identify and select beneficiaries with ODK, provide training to families on CTP use, and conduct the implementation, which will consist of training and deliveries within the CTP for 1,045 families and coordinating them with DEAG's technical team.

To date, selection criteria have been developed, beneficiaries have been identified and selected based on a beneficiary database validated by the communities and training on understanding voucher delivery, order placement and product delivery has been provided.

The Paraguayan Red Cross will deliver a voucher for 900,000 Paraguayan Guaranis (USD\$180 dollars) to each beneficiary. The list of agricultural and veterinary inputs, small livestock and hardware items, along with their respective prices, brands, technical specifications and origin, will be disseminated so that each beneficiary, with technical guidance and support from volunteers, can calculate the total cost of what they will be acquiring and efficiently place their orders with the vendors that will be present.

Vendors on site will take each beneficiary's order. They will provide a copy of the order in triplicate, giving one to the beneficiary placing the order, the second to the PRC and they will keep the third one for their records. Vendors will have seven days for the delivery process, which will happen simultaneously in all four districts.

PRC representatives will be present during the deliveries in all of the communities, and one person will be appointed to provide the necessary authorizations. Under no circumstances will vendors be able to validate or add beneficiaries as only designated PRC personnel are authorized to do so.

Once the Administrative Directorate has all the invoices by vendor, the PRC will begin the process of checking purchases against the order forms and the list of available supplies along with the price list established during the vendor selection process. Businesses will be paid once this process concludes.

PRC has conducted studies for San Pedro and Ñeembucú; however, at this time, there is only enough funding for 1,045 families in San Pedro, which means the delivery of aid to 1,008 families in Ñeembucú is still pending.

#### **Output 4.2**

As planned, the PRC will provide livelihoods protection training. Training will start once beneficiaries have placed their



orders, which will include a basic introduction on livelihoods and adapting agricultural production to climate variability; this activity is scheduled for late November 2016, which will be followed by replication in the communities. A work team will be formed through a local course, which agronomy students, technicians from the Agricultural Extension Directorate (DEAG), technicians from municipalities in targeted areas, technicians from San Pedro's Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Secretariat and community point persons will be invited to attend.

Guidance to families during livelihoods protection activities in San Pedro will be supported by DEAG technical personnel within the framework of the forming of San Pedro's departmental emergency operations centre (EOC) and actions carried out by the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Secretariat; these technicians will also be supporting training processes, especially technical guidance when the time comes to use and/or redeem the vouchers.

## Building a culture of non-violence and peace (protection)

Outcome 5: Increased community-based protection measures, particularly the response to domestic violence, have contributed to decreasing expressions of violence in collective shelters and among the population who have returned to their homes in Asunción.	Outputs	% achieved
	<b>Output 5.1:</b> The population affected by floods that is located in temporary collective centres in Asunción has access to information and is organized to maintain their safety and integrity.	56%

Activities	Implementation on time?		% of progress
	Yes	No	
5.1.1. Community-level vulnerability assessment in protection	X		100%
5.1.2. Creation and strengthening of community-based protection committees	X		40%
5.1.3. Dissemination of key messages for social media	X		30%

### Progress towards results

The PRC organized training sessions in three PRC branches on protection issues: the right to protection against all forms of violence, particularly focusing on gender-based violence and violence against children, differently-abled people, and elderly populations. A total of 34 volunteers (13 males [7 teenagers and 6 adults] and 21 females [11 teenagers and 10 adults]) were trained. These three branches work in a total of nine communities.

The PRC is supporting the creation and training for nine community-based protection committees, which to date has entailed meetings in each community to review the methods to be used. Training sessions have been held in four of the nine communities, with the remaining communities planned for December. The communities identified the right to protection against all forms of violence and protection against violence against children as the two priorities to be addressed. A total of 267 community members participated in the trainings of which 48 were male (35 boys, 3 teenage boys, 9 adult men and 1 elderly man) and 219 females (45 girls, 3 teenage girls, 166 adult women and 5 elderly women).

The National Society is in the process of producing audio-visual materials, dissemination campaigns with key messages that will be used in the target communities.

With the objective of disseminating information about the elderly and differently-abled people, the first community festival was organized with participation by 1,000 people (200 males and 800 females of all age groups) from the 9 target communities. This festival, held in a community field, had music, interactive theatre production that highlighted the key issues, as well as traditional games for all ages to foster inclusion. A snack was provided for all the participants.

## Disaster preparedness and risk reduction

Outcome 6: The communities of San Pedro, Asunción and Ñeembucú are prepared and resilient enough to respond to flooding through proper coordination with local authorities.	Outputs	% achieved
	<b>Output 6.1:</b> Families, communities and municipalities at risk of flooding have the required level of preparedness to respond to the emergency and reduce their risks.	50%

Activities	Implementation on time?		% of progress
	Yes	No	
VCA training workshops for local staff	X		100%
Conduct VCAs in the targeted communities	X		50%
Workshop for local staff on disaster preparedness including family level preparedness.	X		100%
Preparation of family response plans	X		50%
Training for community brigades	X		25%
Equipping of community brigades	X		25%
<b>Progress towards results</b>			
<p>In line with standard vulnerability and capacity assessment methodology, the PRC held two trainings during this reporting period. Participants were trained on disaster risk reduction with the standard VCA tools, such as timeline, historic profile, and seasonal calendar, among others.</p> <p>The National Society conducted the first workshop for local staff in San Pedro del Ycuamandiyú from 22 to 26 August. This workshop provided PRC volunteers dedicated to community work for this operation the opportunity to learn the methodology to be applied in target communities. The 39 workshop participants (15 men and 24 women) came from 3 departments (Asunción, Ñeembucú and San Pedro) as well as two PRC operative units (youth and relief) from national headquarters. The National Society additionally included a participant from the Secretariat for Risk Management and Reduction and two of the participants were community leaders.</p> <p>The second workshop was held in Concepción with 21 participants (11 men and 10 women) from the youth and relief departments of the PRC.</p> <p>The VCAs in the three target communities have begun. To date, 427 people (137 men and 290 women) have participated in the VCA workshops. In San Pedro, the VCAs were temporarily delayed to the community's interest in fully participating in the cash transfer programme.</p>			

## National Society's Institutional Preparedness and Capacity Building

Outcome 7: The Paraguayan Red Cross' capacity to deliver on programmes and services in future disasters is strengthened	Outputs		% achieved
		<b>Output 7.1:</b> National and local PRC response teams are prepared to respond to floods and emergencies	
	<b>Output 7.2:</b> PRC branches in the flood-affected local and regions have improved facilities		75%
Activities	Implementation on time?		% of progress
	Yes	No	
7.1.1. Design and preparation of the response plan	x		In process
7.1.2. Strengthening of headquarters and branch EOCs	X		In process
7.1.3. EOC course for National Society staff and volunteers	X		Pending
7.2.1. Renovate damaged office building(s)	X		In process
7.2.2. Provide essential office equipment to branches	X		In process

### Progress towards results

#### Output 7.1

The National Society is in the process of drafting its response plan; it has hired the Response and Contingency Plan expert to finish the process and then work on the document's layout and editing, which will be submitted to the Executive Committee in December 2016 for approval and its subsequent dissemination next year.

The PRC has prioritized the strengthening of the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC). The space to house the NEOC will be ready by November 2016, after which the procurement of the basic equipment will start.

The PRC is currently assessing if it can implement the EOC course for National Society staff and volunteers due to funding constraints; if this is unable to be conducted, trainings will be incorporated into the strengthening of the NEOC.

#### Output 7.2

The renovation of damaged office buildings has progressed to a half-way point. Further actions will be completed by the end of this operation to ensure that the damage has been repaired. The provision of office equipment is

contingent upon the renovation; depending upon the available funding, the National Society will determine if this action is feasible.

## Quality programming/ Areas common to all sectors

Activities	Implementation on time?		% of progress
	Yes	No	
8.1.1. Emergency rapid assessment by branches, national headquarters and the IFRC	X		100 %
8.1.2. Prepare a multi-sectorial plan of action	X		100 %
8.1.3. Perform a detailed assessment of damage for affected communities	X		100 %
8.2.1. Hiring of National Society personnel (general coordinator, health, PSS, livelihoods and communications)	X		100 %
8.2.2. Mobilization of RITs (water and sanitation and livelihoods)	X		100 %
8.2.3. Monitoring of the operation by the IFRC	X		75 %
8.2.4. Beneficiary satisfaction survey	X		25 %
8.2.5. Lessons learned workshop	X		0%
8.2.6. Final evaluation of the operation	X		0%
8.3.1. Prepare and disseminate press releases and beneficiary stories	X		50%
8.3.2. Video and photo coverage of the operation / Beneficiary stories	X		50%

### Progress towards results

Activities 8.1.1 through 8.1.3 were completed during the emergency phase.

#### Output 8.2

Human resources for this operation during the emergency phase have included 1 departmental coordinator, 1 administrator, 1 field technician, 1 psychosocial support (PSS) technician, and the corps of volunteers of both the San Pedro (San Estanislao) and Concepción branches, as well as of a health sector coordinator in Asunción, who coordinated actions with volunteers from the Mariano Roque Alonso sub-branch. In the recovery phase, the team consisted of 1 general coordinator, 2 field coordinators (San Pedro and Ñeembucú), 1 administrator and 2 sector coordinators (health and livelihoods), in coordination with volunteers from the PRC branches in Concepción (Concepción), San Pedro (San Estanislao and San Pedro del Ycuamandiyú), Itapúa (Encarnación) and Ñeembucú (Pilar). In Asunción, the sub-branches in Capiatá and Mariano Roque Alonso and the Relief and Youth Departments were actively involved in covering the collective centres. In the reconstruction phase, the PRC has incorporated a planning, monitoring, evaluating and reporting officer, an operations support officer, a driver and a communications consultant. Additionally, as mentioned above, a livelihoods specialist was hired for the voucher distribution programme in support of livelihoods recovery.

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## I. Funding

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
<b>A. Budget</b>			<b>1,144,516</b>			<b>1,144,516</b>	
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
<b>Cash contributions</b>							
American Red Cross			216,981			216,981	
European Commission - DG ECHO			381,270			381,270	
Japanese Red Cross Society			43,830			43,830	
Other			158			158	
Red Cross of Monaco			16,481			16,481	
Swedish Red Cross			124,787			124,787	
Swiss Red Cross (from Swiss Government*)			80,000			80,000	
The Canadian Red Cross Society (from Canadian Government*)			60,275			60,275	
VERF/WHO Voluntary Emergency Relief			800			800	
<b>C1. Cash contributions</b>			<b>924,582</b>			<b>924,582</b>	
<b>Inkind Goods &amp; Transport</b>							
American Red Cross			22,723			22,723	
<b>C2. Inkind Goods &amp; Transport</b>			<b>22,723</b>			<b>22,723</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>							
DREF Allocations			205,097			205,097	
<b>C4. Other Income</b>			<b>205,097</b>			<b>205,097</b>	
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)</b>			<b>1,152,402</b>			<b>1,152,402</b>	
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>			<b>1,152,402</b>			<b>1,152,402</b>	

\* Funding source data based on information provided by the donor

## II. Movement of Funds

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>							
<b>C. Income</b>			1,152,402			1,152,402	
<b>E. Expenditure</b>			-425,717			-425,717	
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>			726,685			726,685	

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## III. Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability		
	A					B	A - B	
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>				<b>1,144,516</b>		<b>1,144,516</b>		
<b>Relief items, Construction, Supplies</b>								
Food	64,289			64,400		64,400	-111	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	313,855			80,557		80,557	233,298	
Medical & First Aid	6,987			5,461		5,461	1,527	
Teaching Materials	77,621			8,897		8,897	68,723	
Utensils & Tools	27,352			22,284		22,284	5,068	
Other Supplies & Services	44,036						44,036	
Cash Disbursement	184,072						184,072	
<b>Total Relief items, Construction, Sup</b>	<b>718,213</b>			<b>181,599</b>		<b>181,599</b>	<b>536,614</b>	
<b>Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>								
Vehicles	28,477						28,477	
Office & Household Equipment	6,850						6,850	
<b>Total Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>	<b>35,327</b>						<b>35,327</b>	
<b>Logistics, Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage	2,936			1,541		1,541	1,395	
Distribution & Monitoring	20,453			6,401		6,401	14,052	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	25,933			17,705		17,705	8,228	
Logistics Services	3,719			4,388		4,388	-669	
<b>Total Logistics, Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>53,039</b>			<b>30,034</b>		<b>30,034</b>	<b>23,005</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>								
International Staff	10,764			8,111		8,111	2,654	
National Staff	10,044			2,960		2,960	7,084	
National Society Staff	95,577			24,921		24,921	70,656	
Volunteers	23,215			6,273		6,273	16,942	
Other Staff Benefits	1,761			350		350	1,411	
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>141,362</b>			<b>42,615</b>		<b>42,615</b>	<b>98,747</b>	
<b>Consultants &amp; Professional Fees</b>								
Consultants	15,070						15,070	
Professional Fees	4,110			1,118		1,118	2,992	
<b>Total Consultants &amp; Professional Fees</b>	<b>19,180</b>			<b>1,118</b>		<b>1,118</b>	<b>18,063</b>	
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training	31,804			10,215		10,215	21,589	
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>31,804</b>			<b>10,215</b>		<b>10,215</b>	<b>21,589</b>	
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	17,419			16,161		16,161	1,258	
Information & Public Relations	27,939			4,130		4,130	23,809	
Office Costs	16,245			1,266		1,266	14,978	
Communications	8,612			1,359		1,359	7,252	
Financial Charges	1,468			2,110		2,110	-642	
Other General Expenses				15		15	-15	
Shared Office and Services Costs	4,055			1,727		1,727	2,329	
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>75,737</b>			<b>26,768</b>		<b>26,768</b>	<b>48,969</b>	
<b>Operational Provisions</b>								
Operational Provisions				105,230		105,230	-105,230	
<b>Total Operational Provisions</b>				<b>105,230</b>		<b>105,230</b>	<b>-105,230</b>	
<b>Indirect Costs</b>								
Programme & Services Support Recover	69,853			25,666		25,666	44,187	

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	A					B	A - B	
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>				<b>1,144,516</b>			<b>1,144,516</b>	
<b>Total Indirect Costs</b>	69,853			25,666			<b>25,666</b>	<b>44,187</b>
<b>Pledge Specific Costs</b>								
Pledge Earmarking Fee				1,772			<b>1,772</b>	<b>-1,772</b>
Pledge Reporting Fees				700			<b>700</b>	<b>-700</b>
<b>Total Pledge Specific Costs</b>				<b>2,472</b>			<b>2,472</b>	<b>-2,472</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>1,144,516</b>			<b>425,717</b>			<b>425,717</b>	<b>718,799</b>
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>				<b>718,799</b>			<b>718,799</b>	

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**IV. Breakdown by subsector**

Business Line / Sub-sector	Budget	Opening Balance	Income	Funding	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Deferred Income
<b>BL3 - Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development</b>							
Disaster risk reduction	1,144,516		1,152,402	1,152,402	425,717	726,685	
Subtotal BL3	1,144,516		1,152,402	1,152,402	425,717	726,685	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,144,516</b>		<b>1,152,402</b>	<b>1,152,402</b>	<b>425,717</b>	<b>726,685</b>	