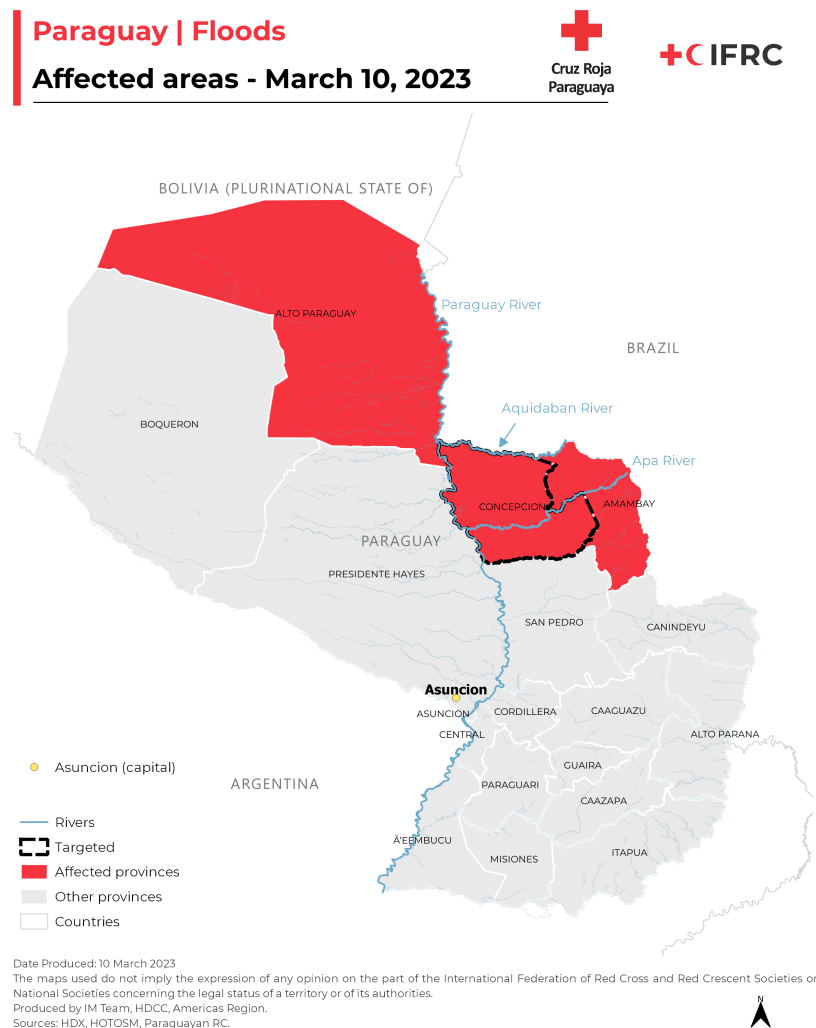




Major flooding in Concepcion as a result of heavy rains. Source: Ultima Hora.

Appeal: MDRPY022	DREF Allocated: CHF 204,378	Crisis Category: Yellow	Hazard: Flood
Glide Number:	People Affected: 39,000 people	People Targeted: 3,450 people	
Event Onset: Sudden	Operation Start Date: 2023-03-16	Operation End Date: 2023-07-31	Operation Timeframe: 4 months
	Targeted Areas:	Concepcion	

Description of the Event



Map of affected areas and areas targeted by the National Society. Source: IFRC.

What happened, where and when?

The rains in the northern part of Paraguay that began in mid-February registered a maximum impact on 28 February, with more than 350 mm of rain recorded in a period of 12 hours, causing flash floods in the departments of Concepción, Alto Paraguay and Amambay.

On 27 February, a Departmental Declaration of Emergency was issued for the Department of Concepcion stating that "the Department of Concepcion is declared in a state of emergency as a result of the heavy rains that affected the districts of San Lazaro, Horqueta, Sargento Felix Lopez, Paso Horqueta and Paso Barreto of the Department of Concepcion, causing flooding, road closures, isolation of several communities, affected homes and consequently paralyzing the activities in the areas of mining, agricultural, livestock, forestry and commercial production."

On 2 March, the Chamber of Senators approved a proposal for the declaration of a national emergency due to the floods, which "urges the Executive Power to declare a national emergency due to the floods affecting the departments of Alto Paraguay, Concepción and Amambay". The three articles of the legislative proposal were approved by the plenary and with this the project was sent to the Executive Power.

On 3 March, the Paraguay river, located in the area of the Department of Concepción, increased its flow by 5.2 meters (29 cm in 24 hours), forcing families to abandon their homes and seek shelter in temporary collective centers.

On 10 March, the Paraguayan Red Cross participated an inter-institutional coordination meeting held at the Gov-

ernment Palace and convened by the Minister Secretary General and Head of the Civil Cabinet of the Presidency of the Republic, Hernán Hutteman, and the Minister of the National Emergency Secretariat (SEN), Zuny Borja. The main objective of this meeting was to socialize the actions carried out within the framework of the current scenario of emergencies and to plan joint preparedness strategies for the prevention, mitigation and recovery of future emergencies, with a multi-hazard approach in several departments of the country, focusing on the most vulnerable populations.

As of 12 March, the Executive Power is still reviewing the legislative proposal in order to pronounce itself in favor or against the declaration of a national emergency.

The Meteorology and Hydrology Department of the National Government announced rains and occasional thunderstorms for the Department of Concepcion at least until the end of March 2023.



PRC carrying out Damage and Needs Assessment



Major flooding as a result of heavy rains. Source: PRC.

Scope and Scale

Regarding the flood emergency situation, the Minister of the National Emergency Secretariat (SEN) mentioned during the inter-institutional coordination meeting held at the Government Palace on 10 March, that this phenomenon impacts the Departments of Alto Paraguay, Amambay, Concepción, Pdte. Hayes, San Pedro and Itapúa and to date has affected almost 30,000 families across the country, evacuating several families by air, land and water, using its own means, the Air Force and the Paraguayan Navy. (Source: <https://www.sen.gov.py/index.php/noticias/reunion-de-coordinacion-interinstitucional-por-emergencias-por-inundaciones-en-el-norte-y-sequias-en-el-sur-del-pais>)

According to the ECHO daily flash issued on 8 March, only in the departments of Alto Paraguay, Concepción and Amambay, around 7,800 families (39,000 people) have been directly affected. The flash floods have occurred in areas previously suffering a long spell of droughts, thus compromising abilities of the communities to withstand additional climatic shocks. (Source: <https://erccportal.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ECHO-Products/Echo-Flash#/daily-flash-archive/4735>)

Flooding has affected areas of the eastern department of Amambay since mid-February after the Aquidabán river broke its banks. The swollen Aquidabán also flooded areas of Paso Barreto District in the department of Concepción on 20 February. Local media reported roads were cut and bridges damaged, leaving communities isolated.

Also in the department of Concepción, the Apa River which runs along the border with Brazil, broke its banks on 25 February forcing residents to evacuate their homes by boat. Local authorities said around 1,500 households were affected. The flooding in Concepcion has mainly caused road closures, isolating communities, and the destruction of houses. Also, the economic activity such as livestock, oil, mining, commerce as well as short-term informal jobs have been severely impacted by the emergency. The overflowing Apa river also flooded areas of Bella Vista in the northern region of Amambay, affecting around 600 families (Source: <https://floodlist.com/america/paraguay-floods-update-february-2023>)

In the department of Alto Paraguay, the homes of around 6,000 residents have been affected, local authorities said. According to figures from the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), 138.4 mm of rain fell in the municipality in a 24-hour period on 26 February.

In general terms and taking into account the different departments, the National Emergency Secretariat indicated that they have provided assistance to more than 20,000 affected families across the country.

According to the scenario presented by technicians from Meteorology and Hydrology Directorate, in the short term the number of families affected by floods could quadruple, according to the latest statistics, and there could be more than 100,000 families affected along the basins of the Paraguay River, Paraná and its affluents.

There is also concern about an outbreak of mosquito-borne diseases such as dengue and chikungunya, with the Ministry of Public Health and Social Wellbeing reporting nearly 15,000 new cases on a weekly basis. The weather forecasts indicate that the affected areas are expected to receive more rainfall and storms in the coming days, which could lead to further flooding.

Previous Operations

Has a similar event affected the same area(s) in the last 3 years?	Yes
Did it affect the same population groups?	Yes
Did the National Society respond?	Yes
Did the National Society request funding from DREF for that event(s)?	Yes
If yes, please specify which operations	MDRPY020 - MDRPY021

If you have answered yes to all questions above, justify why the use of DREF for a recurrent event, or how this event should not be considered recurrent

While Concepción is one of the areas that were affected by flooding in 2019, it was not among the most affected. For that emergency, the departments of Ñeembucu, Capital, Pte Hayes, Alto Paraguay and San Pedro were reported to have the greatest damage.

For the current emergency, Concepción is one of the main areas that have been affected, keeping in mind that rainwater has accumulated with the flooding of the Paraguay River.

Lessons learned

The National Society has drawn different conclusions from the 2019 DREF operation for floods, some of the issues to keep in mind include:

- Improving internal communication from Headquarters to the branches (such as Concepción), on this occasion the Headquarters has already been working in coordination with the branch and providing support for the intervention.
- Having appropriate messages for each community being assisted. For this DREF Plan of Action, a CEA strategy has been included that will involve adapting the response and messages to the needs of the affected communities, and promoting feedback spaces. For example, information will be translated into native languages, such as Guaraní, when necessary.
- Maintain strategic partnerships with companies that have cooperated with developing the CTP, which will make future processes easier in this and other locations in the country.
- Improve coordination with the Ministry of Health for the development of activities in this sector. For this operation, the National Society aims to hold meetings with local authorities to improve implementation of

activities.

- Improve the timing of the acquisition of materials to develop the activities. For this DREF, the National Society is planning to have a procurement plan in place to keep the activities calendar up to date without delays.

Current National Society Actions

Health	Volunteers belonging to the Concepción branch will work in the shelters providing first aid services and, in the communities, addressing the prevention of vector-borne diseases such as dengue and Chikungunya. The branch is also developing a safe space for children and adolescents where they provide mental health and psychosocial support services. So far, 96 people have been assisted through individual psychosocial support sessions and some 45 first aid services have been provided. The most common care provided was the treatment of minor wounds, blood pressure control and referrals to local hospitals for gastrointestinal diseases.
National Society EOC	The Directorate of Programs and Operations called for the activation of the Emergency Operations Center at Headquarters and a command post at the Concepción Branch in order to organize the most efficient administration possible. A report of the event was previously prepared and uploaded to the GO Platform.
Activation Of Contingency Plans	The National Society has launched its National Response Plan consisting of the coordination of technical assistance from headquarters and field work by the Concepción Branch. These actions are coordinated by the Directorate of Programs and Operations.
Resource Mobilization	The National Headquarters is conducting a campaign to collect non-perishable food and water in the Concepción branch for the needs of displaced people in shelters. A Resource Mobilization campaign has also been established to involve local businesses in Concepción in the disaster response.
Coordination	The National Society has been in communication with the Departmental Government of Concepción through its Risk and Disaster Management Directorate to coordinate the operation in the aforementioned city. The National Society, through its Concepción branch, is also the driving force behind a technical working group to address the response to the floods. On 10 March, the National Society participated in the Coordination Meeting organized by the Executive Power, with the main objective of socializing the actions carried out within the framework of the current flood emergency scenario and for the coordination of future actions.
Assessment	At the beginning of the emergency, the Concepción branch made contact with representatives of the local governor's office and then began field work, consisting of evaluations of the affected communities, information gathering and logistical support to the governor's office. Initial evaluations informed the prioritization of the areas targeted in this Plan of Action which include Fatima, San Miguel (Calaverita) and San Jose Olero, in the department of Concepcion, which are not yet receiving government assistance. The volunteers of the branch visited these communities, interviewed

	some of the affected families and community leaders for a first survey of the consequences of the emergency. As part of this Plan of Action, during the first weeks of the operation, detailed multi sectorial assessments will be carried out to obtain more concrete data.
National Society Readiness	The Paraguayan Red Cross has a Directorate of Programs and Operations, Finance, Resource Mobilization, Communication, Organizational Development. The National Society has a total of 930 volunteers nationwide. The team of the Directorate of Programs and Operations was available from the first moment of the emergency, activating the National EOC and working in coordination with the Concepción branch. The National Society has its National Intervention Team (NIT) that will provide support for the development of the operation's activities. The Concepción branch has two people who are part of this team.
Community Engagement And Accountability	Contact has been made with community leaders in the affected areas, with whom the National Society has worked to assess the damage and survey the needs of the affected families and identify possible courses of action. The National Society was developing an early warning strategy for communities regularly affected by floods and flooding. This operation is expected to begin this strategy, which will then be complemented by a long-term funded plan.

Movement Partners Actions Related To The Current Event

IFRC	The IFRC has a Country Cluster Delegation (CCD) office in Argentina to support and assist the Southern Cone countries, which has maintained close contact and coordination with the Paraguayan Red Cross and the Disaster and Crises Department of the IFRC Americas regional office in Panama. Since the beginning of the emergency, constant communication and technical assistance has been maintained through the CCD for the Southern Cone for the development of the DREF Application.
ICRC	The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has offices in Argentina and, in addition to carrying out actions within its mandate, such as working with the authorities to integrate, implement and disseminate international humanitarian law and rules on the use of force, it carries out actions to develop the National Society's capacity to respond to emergency situations in contexts of violence and crisis and to provide Restoring Family Links (RFL) services. So far, the ICRC has been in contact with the CCD for the Southern Cone, but they have not provided specific support for this emergency.
Participating National Societies	

Other Actors Actions Related To The Current Event

Government has requested international assistance	No
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National authorities	The National Emergency Secretariat (SEN) indicated that they have installed temporary shelters that have all the basic amenities in coordination with governments and municipalities in the affected areas, with the support of the military forces, sheltering thousands of displaced families, who receive hot rations through soup kitchens. The two shelters set up in Concepción are located in the Infantry Regiment No. 10 "Sauce" and the Old Port of the city. The National Emergency Secretariat has distributed food kits, mattresses, blankets, tents, tarpaulins, props, and sheets to families who did not want to leave their homes, as well as to isolated localities, transporting humanitarian aid by land, air and river routes. Also, 16 aeromedical evacuations have been carried out by Air Force aircraft.
UN or other actors	
Are there major coordination mechanisms in place?	

Needs (Gaps) Identified



Livelihoods And Basic Needs

Businesses in Concepcion suffered the loss of their facilities and products. However, some businesses, especially those selling basic necessities, continue to operate.

At least the 60% of the people who have suffered damage to their homes belong to middle- and low-income groups, who were already in a vulnerable situation. They do not have the financial resources to replace what was lost and lack access to food. The affected population will need support to access essential products such as food or items that may have been lost during the floods, thus supporting initial recovery efforts.

According to the assessment carried out by the Paraguayan Red Cross in the communities of Fátima and San José Olero, department of Concepcion, 200 families had their sources of income affected, which is mainly the production and sale of bricks, because the floods prevent them from using the space that they have made available for this work in their homes.

According to ECHO Daily Flash issued on 8 March, the affected families are in urgent need of food, water, non-food items (clothes, hygiene/cleaning products, kitchen utensils), as well as medical attention.



Health

The flooding caused by the rains has significantly changed the living conditions of the affected families, generating situations of uncertainty and instability for the development of their daily activities such as the transfer of their children to schools, the loss in many cases of their sources of income as well as the stress of exposure to threats, therefore it has been identified as essential to carry out Mental Health and Psychosocial Support interventions for appropriate containment in times of crisis and the prevention of subsequent post-traumatic crises.

During the first stages of assessment and reception of people in shelters, it is necessary to support with basic first aid assistance to support people in different trauma or injuries, as well as for general health control. It is important to maintain this service during the entire opening of the temporary shelters, also at the time of the families' return home when they resume the cleaning and conditioning of their homes (in case it happens).

Vector-borne diseases are present, there is an increase of mosquitoes due to stagnant water and high temperatures and cases of snake bites. Therefore, it is necessary to work on the promotion of information related to the care and prevention of vector-borne diseases.



Water, Sanitation And Hygiene

Due to the floods, there have been cuts in the service and supply of drinking water, and contamination of the aqueducts where people access their usual water source. For this reason, there have been cases of gastrointestinal and skin diseases and there is a clear need for people to have information on different ways of treating water, proper storage and information on hygiene habits that contribute to prevent or reduce the number of diseases.

At the moment, there is no specific data on the number of families without access to safe water.



Shelter Housing And Settlements

Currently there are two shelters in the city of Concepción, coordinated by the governor's office, and located in the Infantry Regiment No. 10 "Sauce" and in the old port, both shelters have not reached their maximum capacity to date.

As of the writing of this report, only 20 people who were evacuated were in the above mentioned shelters. However, an increase is expected by local authorities based on rainfall projections for the coming weeks. It is expected that these shelters will remain operational until the affected population can return to their homes to begin to prepare them and recover their household goods or until the rainy season subsides.

The shelters are coordinated by community leaders who manage the activities within the shelters, food, health and hygiene issues. These referents are part of the affected communities themselves. The military service provides the space, but there is no specific contribution regarding maintenance or assistance within the shelters. This is why there is a need to provide first aid, psychosocial support, food and hygiene products to the families who remain in the shelters.

Additionally, as per the initial assessment made by the National Society in the department of Concepcion, 205 houses were identified as affected by the floods, showing total destruction. Most of the houses were built with walls made of wood and zinc sheet roofing. At the same time, with the total destruction of the houses, there is the total loss of household goods such as refrigerators, washing machines, beds, furniture or kitchen and cleaning utensils, as well as the loss of personal belongings such as clothes among others.

To date there is no specific assistance that the state will provide for the recovery of houses or belongings of the people who have been affected.

Operational Strategy

Overall objective of the operation

Through this DREF Plan of Action, the Paraguayan Red Cross (PRC) aims to provide humanitarian assistance to families affected by floods in the communities of Fátima, San Miguel (Calaverita) and San José Olero, department of Concepción. The National Society aims to assist 3,450 people (690 families) who have been directly affected by the floods through the implementation of activities in the areas of health, water, hygiene and sanitation, and multipurpose cash.

Operation strategy rationale

Initial Damage and Needs Assessment (DANA) conducted by the National Society in the department of Concepcion have been used to inform the development of this DREF Plan of Action. However, it should be noted that current data on impact and needs of the affected population is very limited. Therefore, detailed multi sectorial assessments on health, livelihood, and water, sanitation and hygiene have been included as part of this intervention and the National Society will begin to conduct them during the first week of the operation. For this, a surge IM Coordinator will be requested to support with the development of the assessments, analysis and report of findings. As a result, the intervention will be based on official data and reports that will be in line with the needs of the affected population.

The families that will initially receive assistance correspond to the number that emerges from the assessments carried out by the National Society in the Department of Concepcion. However, it should be noted that the number may change given the results of the detailed multi sectorial assessments. In that case, the National Society will be ready to scale up the response through an Operations Update, if necessary.

Up to now the damage and needs assessment have indicated that the needs are mostly linked to the loss of houses and basic household items, as well as damage to the livelihoods of some people with informal jobs and to people's health due to the consumption of unsafe water.

Summary of the intervention:

- Health: A needs assessment for the sector will be carried out. First aid assistance will be provided to people staying in shelters and in the affected areas when returning home. Mental health assistance and psychosocial support will be provided to children, adolescents and older adults affected by the floods and who have lost their basic belongings and homes. The National Society will work on activities for the prevention of vector-borne diseases (Dengue, Chikungunya) reaching a total of 3,450 people (690 families).

- WaSH: A needs assessment for the sector will be carried out. Hygiene promotion activities will be developed to provide information on healthy habits, water treatment measures and proper storage reaching a total of 3,450 people (690 families). Also, water filters will be distributed for 1,000 people (200 families).

- CEA: The National Society will work on a CEA strategy that includes the translation of documents into the native language (Guarani), if necessary. On the other hand, it will start working on a strategy that includes the communities for the development of a future early warning project for these same damaged areas.

- Multi-purpose Cash: A multi sectorial assessment will be developed to complement the market and feasibility studies. A unique cash or voucher program will be implemented to help families cover basic needs such as food, hygiene and replacement of household goods. A total of 1,000 people (200 families) will be assisted.

The amount allocated for the cash transfer program (CHF 500) was initially calculated based on averages of the basic family basket (CHF 160) and the minimum wage salary (CHF 350). It should be noted that this amount may change once the feasibility studies have been completed. The National Society has previous experience in multipurpose cash with a mobile phone transfer delivery method. Likewise, the delivery strategy will be finalized once the market and feasibility study is completed.

Targeting Strategy

Who will be targeted through this operation?

In agreement and coordination with the country's government authorities (SEN), the National Society's response in this DREF will be developed mainly in the city of Concepción, as this is the area where the National Society has the resources to implement the activities (a branch in the area, nearby branches that can support the response, and a properly trained team).

This operation will focus on supporting 3,450 people (690 families) who have been directly affected by the floods and suffered the loss of their livelihoods, basic household goods and damaged homes.

Given that the government is working to respond in the communities of Paso Mbutu (Horqueta), Paso Berreto, Paso Horqueta, San Lorenzo, Vallemi, San Carlos and Santo Domingo, the National Society will give priority to the communities of Fátima, San Miguel (Calaverita) and San José Olero, areas that have not yet received support.

Explain the selection criteria for the targeted population

The selection criteria that will be considered for the recipients are as follows:

- Families whose livelihoods have been damaged.
- Families who have been left without housing and basic services.
- Families with at least one member whose health condition is compromised.
- Families with at least one member who is in the early childhood stage (up to 5 years old), or are elderly (over 60 years old), pregnant women and people with disabilities.
- Families that have not been recipients of other humanitarian aid actions.

The needs of all population groups will be considered, keeping in mind age, sex, gender, and people with disabilities or special needs or requirements.

Total Targeted Population

Women:	1,760	Rural %	Urban %
Girls (under 18):	-	%	100 %
Men:	1,690	People with disabilities (estimated %)	
Boys (under 18):	-	2.00 %	
Total targeted population:	3,450		

Risk and security considerations

Please indicate about potential operational risk for this operations and mitigation actions

Risk	Mitigation action
Lack or scarce integration of the communities in the execution of actions.	Ensuring the commitment and responsibility of the community (feedback mechanisms), participation of the local organisation involved.
Physical and mental exhaustion of response teams.	Coordination for the rotation of teams in the field. Work with volunteers from areas close to the main region. Monitoring and control of the mental health of volunteers and staff working in the field.
Access to complete, unified and accurate information is limited.	Contact with public entities (universities, institutes, government departments) with access to more sources of information. Intensive evaluation of available sources and own elaboration for frame of reference and action. Cross-checking of information with official media. Direct contact with the liaison office.
Lack of coordination or delays in the recruitment process.	Support from the Delegation in the coordination of actions and follow-up of activities from the coordination of programs and operations and from the human resources area.
New rains or storms that hinder operational logistics.	Approach of different scenarios and solutions, business continuity plan.

Please indicate any security and safety concerns for this operation

With regards to the main safety problems that may occur during the operation, it should be highlighted potential injuries while providing assistance in affected areas and problems to transport from one place to another due to flooding of roads. For this, volunteers will be provided with insurance and required safety materials to implement the activities.

Planned Intervention

	Secretariat Services	Budget	CHF 32,110
		Targeted Persons	
Indicators		Target	
# of field monitoring visits conducted		3	
# of surge personnel deployments		2	
Priority Actions:		• Deployment of surge personnel: - 1x Field Coordinator. - 1x IM Coordinator. • Monitoring of operations (implementation of activities and financial procedures).	

	Community Engagement And Accountability	Budget	CHF 3,195
		Targeted Persons	3105
Indicators		Target	
% of people satisfied with receiving distributions in good quality and with dignity		90	
Priority Actions:		• Post-distribution follow-up surveys. • Dissemination of information and key messages. • Continuous assessment of the situation through focus groups, surveys, etc. • Development of a CEA strategy for Cash program including printed material, information desks, etc. • Design and printing of materials in Guarani language. • CEA strategy for the implementation of a future early warning project in the area.	

	Water, Sanitation And Hygiene	Budget	CHF 18,386
		Targeted Persons	3450
Indicators		Target	
# of people reached through Water, Sanitation and Hygiene promotion activities		3450	
# of families reached with water filters		200	

Priority Actions:	• Hygiene promotion activities. • Awareness sessions on proper water handling and storage. • Procurement and distribution of water filters for 200 families

	Health	Budget	CHF 6,390
		Targeted Persons	3450
Indicators		Target	
# of people reached with psychosocial support services		1000	
# of first aid assistance services provided		1000	
# of people reached through health promotion activities linked to the prevention of vector-borne diseases.		3450	
Priority Actions:		• Induction on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support for volunteers and staff (online). • First aid assistance throughout the operation. • Psychosocial support activities for people affected by the emergency throughout the operation. • Health promotion activities linked to the prevention of vector-borne diseases.	

	Multi-purpose Cash	Budget	CHF 115,116
		Targeted Persons	1000
Indicators		Target	
# of families that receive cash for their basic needs.		200	
# of feasibility and market studies conducted		1	
Multi sectorial assessment report		1	
Priority Actions:		• Feasibility and market study. • Detailed multi-sectorial needs assessment. • Volunteer induction for the development of the cash transfer program. • Design and distribution of the cash transfer program. • Monitoring and evaluation of the cash transfer program.	

		Budget	CHF 29,181
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	National Society Strengthening	Targeted Persons	
Indicators	Target		
# of national staff hired	2		
# of lessons learned workshops conducted	1		
	Priority Actions: • Hiring of personnel: - 1x Field Coordinator - 1x Administration / Finance Officer. • Procurement and distribution of protective equipment for volunteers. • Monitoring missions. • Lessons Learned workshop.		

About Support Services

How many staff and volunteers will be involved in this operation. Briefly describe their role.

A total of 50 people, including volunteers and paid staff, have been activated to provide direct emergency response in the affected area.

Throughout the operation, reinforcement and replacement volunteers will be deployed from branches close to the local volunteers to reduce the "burnout" effect. A total of 40 volunteers will be available for the actions of this operation in the branches of Concepción, Asunción, Itapúa, Villa Elisa, Mariano Roque Alonso, Limpio. All volunteers will have insurance and the necessary personal protection equipment to work in the area affected by the floods. In addition, the National Society will hire two positions to provide direct support during the implementation of DREF Operation including: 1x Field Coordinator and 1x Administration/Finance Officer.

Will surge personnel be deployed? Please provide the role profile needed.

Surge support is required for this operation, the profiles to be recruited include:

- 1 x Field Coordinator for the department of Concepcion - Covered through this DREF Operations.
- 1 x IM Coordinator to support the development of multi sectorial assessments - Covered with funds from another project.

If there is procurement, will it be done by National Society or IFRC?

All procurement related to this operation will follow the IFRC's standard procurement procedures, National Society financial SOPs and Sphere Standards for household item purchases. The National Society and Southern Cone CCD will coordinate with the Americas Regional Logistics Unit (RLU) for the replenishment of the water filters and any other major procurement.

How will this operation be monitored?

Reporting on the operation will be conducted in accordance with the IFRC's minimum reporting standards. A final report will be issued within three months of the operation's completion. The results of past lessons learned will also be presented to the implementation team, and the corresponding reports' preparation will be monitored. The Southern Cone CCD will also assign a dedicated Project Manager to support the National Society. The IFRC's PMER and finance team will also provide necessary support and guidance to the National Society operations team to ensure that IFRC policies and procedures are followed during the implementation of the planned activities under the DREF.

Please briefly explain the National Societies communication strategy for this operation.

The Communications Department supports the dissemination of the operation and the actions carried out by the Paraguayan Red Cross. Also, in the transmission of key messages that are required for the campaigns and actions undertaken. The platforms of the Paraguayan Red Cross for dissemination are: Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Actions carried out by the Communications Department:

- Dissemination of key messages.
- Spokesperson workshop.
- Contact with the press and journalists.

Budget Overview



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Operating Budget

Planned Operations	143,087
Shelter and Basic Household Items	0
Livelihoods	0
Multi-purpose Cash	115,116
Health	6,390
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	18,386
Protection, Gender and Inclusion	0
Education	0
Migration	0
Risk Reduction, Climate Adaptation and Recovery	0
Community Engagement and Accountability	3,195
Environmental Sustainability	0
Enabling Approaches	61,291
Coordination and Partnerships	0
Secretariat Services	32,110
National Society Strengthening	29,181
TOTAL BUDGET	204,378

all amounts in Swiss Francs (CHF)

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