

VENEZUELA

Emergency support due to landslides and floods in Aragua State

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Summary of Technical Cooperation Document¹

Tropical storms off the Venezuelan coast caused heavy rainfall, flooding, and material damage in 11 of the 23 Venezuelan states. The constant rains since the end of September have caused an increase in the levels of the rivers and tributaries that come from the mountains in the State of Aragua, affecting especially the city of Las Tejerías. On October 8 of 2022, the heavy rains recorded in the State caused the overflow of five streams, including the Los Patos stream, causing landslides and watercourse movements that caused a large group of deaths, injuries, and missing people, as well as material damage in the area.

In response to this emergency, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) approved a grant for humanitarian assistance in the amount of \$200,000 of non-reimbursable resources.

The objective of the cooperation is to support Venezuela in the execution of humanitarian assistance actions to partially alleviate the emergency currently faced by the population of Las Tejerías in Aragua State and the affected surrounding areas. Such actions could include attention to essential needs; supplies, medicines, transportation, and other materials to meet the immediate needs of the population.

This support includes the provision of drinking water, food and necessities, support in the provision of relief and transportation of these items to the affected areas and any other goods necessary to meet the basic humanitarian needs of the population affected by the emergency.

The Bank has an instrument that allows it to provide humanitarian assistance in the amount of up to US\$200,000 per operation, to respond to emergencies caused by natural disasters. The Presidency of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela made official the declaration of the emergency on October 10, 2022.

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