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Vale has already allocated R\$352.8 million to tackle the new coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) in Brazil. It amounts to almost 70% of the total of R\$500 million that the company has allocated to invest in humanitarian aid to fight against the spread of the disease. More than 600 tons of inputs have been purchased in China – rapid test kits and personal protective equipment (PPE) – to support the Federal Government and the States where Vale operates (Minas Gerais, Pará, Maranhão, Espírito Santo, Mato Grosso do Sul, and Rio de Janeiro). The first batch arrived in late March and the last will be delivered in May.

This emergency aid, which represents an investment of R\$223.3 million, complies with the guidance of health authorities. The cargo, equivalent to the average weight of 600 automobiles, is being transported by 15 airplanes – 13 cargo aircrafts and two airliners. Vale has also taken other humanitarian actions totaling R\$129.5 million.

Five million rapid test kits and 15.8 million PPE are being donated to the Federal Government. The company will also provide almost 14.5 million inputs, including kits and PPE, to the six States where it operates. The cargo also includes five million kits purchased by Brazilian banks with Vale's logistical support in China, thanks to its 50-year partnership with that country. To bring all this cargo of more than 600 tons, Vale mobilized 116 employees from nine areas of the company in Brazil and China.

### More than Inputs

However, humanitarian actions are not limited to the acquisition of inputs. The company has helped to build field hospitals, refurbish hospitals, purchase equipment – such as ventilators, hospital beds, and monitors –, as well as donate cleaning materials and 100 tons of alcohol-based hand sanitizers. Aiming to guarantee the social isolation of indigenous peoples and traditional communities with which it interfaces, the company will build quarantine centers with all the required logistical support.

In partnership with Hospital Israelita Albert Einstein and the Mater Dei Health Network, Vale has launched a US\$1 million public notice (almost R\$5 million at the average dollar exchange rate in March) to support innovative solutions aiming to reduce the impact of COVID-19 – the disease caused by the new coronavirus.

And R\$2 million was donated to the State Brain Institute to purchase equipment. The Institute, part of a 10-year partnership with Vale, has become a reference in Rio de Janeiro for hospitalization and treatment of the disease.

These are the main humanitarian actions already taken by Vale to tackle the COVID-19:

### **Actions to support the Federal Government – R\$213.8 million**

- Five million rapid test kits for virus detection;
- 15.8 million PPE (2.54 million N95 masks, 10.8 million surgical masks, 216 thousand gloves, 2.24 million aprons, and 4.5 thousand goggles).

### **Actions to support the States – R\$131.7 million**

- 14.5 million inputs, including test kits and PPE, for the six States where the company operates (Minas Gerais, Pará, Maranhão, Espírito Santo, Mato Grosso do Sul, and Rio de Janeiro);
- Construction of three field hospitals in Parauapebas (Pará), Açailândia (Maranhão), and in the city of Rio de Janeiro;
- Refurbishment of three hospitals – two in Minas Gerais (Itabira and Belo Horizonte) and one in Pará (Parauapebas);
- Donation of R\$2 million to the State Brain Institute to purchase equipment for brain monitoring, ultrasound, and monitoring robots, among other hospital items. The Institute, part of a 10-year partnership with Vale, has become a reference in Rio de Janeiro for hospitalization and treatment of the disease;
- Logistical support for transportation of hospital equipment;
- Support to the City Government of Parauapebas (Pará) to identify the epidemiological profile of COVID-19 in the municipality through the application of PCR tests by sampling of the population;
- Purchase of 390 hospital equipment (mechanical ventilators, hospital beds, and monitors) for four hospitals in Pará;
- Donation of 81 thousand items for cleaning, in addition to 100 tons of alcohol-based hand sanitizers and personal hygiene kits to 14 prisons in 13 cities in Minas Gerais;
- Donation of five containers with air conditioning and stretchers to Santa Casa de Ouro Preto (Minas Gerais), which will be used as the first aid center for suspected cases of the new coronavirus;
- Three ambulances to the city of Mariana. The vehicles are equipped with Intensive Care Units (ICU) and respirators for two of them;
- Acquisition of medical and hospital supplies for a hospital in São Luís (Maranhão);
- Anticipation of the donation of five rescue and fire-fighting vehicles to the Fire Department in Maranhão. These vehicles will provide assistance to tackle the COVID-19 in the cleaning of public areas;
- Donation of two solenoid valves to create a prototype of respirator in São Luís.

### **Actions to support the indigenous people and Quilombola Communities – R\$2.3 million**

- Construction 15 Quarantine Units in Minas Gerais and Espírito Santo to serve the Tupiniquim, Guarani, Krenak and Pataxó ethnic groups that interface with Vale, in addition to the other indigenous peoples from these States;
- Construction of the Quarantine Center for Awá, Guajajara and Ka'apor indigenous peoples, the health professionals for indigenous peoples, and Funai in Santa Inês (Maranhão) (The Technical Cooperation Agreement is under development with Legal and Procurement areas);
- Emergency accommodation support (14 nights) for two Awá families (five indigenous people);
- Donation of cleaning kits to 475 Quilombola families, fish farmers, and artisanal fishermen from Sepetiba bay (Rio de Janeiro);
- Donation of cleaning kits to 10,000 indigenous families in Minas Gerais, Maranhão, Espírito Santo, and Pará.

### **Other actions – R\$5 million**

- Vale, in partnership with Hospital Israelita Albert Einstein and the Mater Dei Health Network, has launched the COVID-19 Challenge public notice to support solutions that reduce the impacts of COVID-19, focusing on the areas of prevention and tracking of risk, screening and diagnosis, monitoring and follow-up of patients, as well as intensive care. Support will be provided in the form of funding or by connecting partners to enable the implementation of such solutions within 15

days. The maximum investment will be US\$1 million (almost R\$5 million at the average dollar exchange rate in March). Over 1,400 proposals have been submitted. The result of this challenge will be disclosed on the 24th.

### **Aid to the Suppliers – R\$1 billion**

At the end of March, mining was declared an essential service by the Ministry of Mines and Energy and, as a result, Vale maintains its activities. To ensure the financial health of its suppliers, the company announced a package of almost R\$1 billion, which will benefit almost three thousand suppliers across the country.

The company has been taking several actions to ensure the health of direct and third-party employees. They include implementing home office for eligible functions, implementing leave of absence for employees over 60 years old or with pre-existing diseases (who were instructed to be at home), and the installation of 81 thermal cameras at the entrance of its facilities to identify the temperature of direct and third-party employees, among other measures. All measures taken by Vale comply with the health and safety protocols established by health authorities in regard to the new coronavirus pandemic.

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