



Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance

DISASTER CASE REPORT

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BRAZIL - Floods

Date: December 2-4, 1981 (FY 82)

Location: State of Rio de Janeiro

No. Dead: 67

No. Injured: 300

No. Homeless: 2,000

Damage: Roads, bridges, and communication systems were damaged, especially in the cities of Petropolis and Teresopolis.

The Disaster

Between December 2-4, 1981, torrential rains in the State of Rio de Janeiro caused widespread flooding and destruction. The cities of Petropolis and Teresopolis were hardest hit. Additional information on damages is not available.

Action Taken by the Government of Brazil and Local Organizations

Local emergency rescue and assistance organizations took the initiative in relief efforts. However, their efforts were hampered by the destruction of roads, bridges, and communications systems.

Assistance Provided by the United States Government (USG)

On December 4, 1981, the U.S. Ambassador to Brazil determined that the situation was of significant magnitude to warrant U.S. assistance. On December 5, 1981, a check for \$8,157 was presented to the Brazilian Legion of Assistance, the chief relief organization providing assistance to the flood victims.

TOTAL \$8,157

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Assistance Provided by the U.S. Voluntary Agencies

None reported.

Assistance Provided by the International Community

None reported.