



Type what you want to search

Search



04/07/2016



## The Recovery Actions carried out by Samarco show results

*The goal is to set the impacted regions to the same conditions they were before the accident or better*

Samarco, a joint-venture of Vale and BHP Billiton, has presented the results of the recovery actions that have been carried out since the accident on November 5th.

- The choice of the land for the reconstruction of Bento Rodrigues will be defined with the residents by the end of April. The same process is in progress in Gesteira and Paracatu de Baixo.
- 80% of the areas have been re-vegetated. They comprise 640 of a total of 800 hectares along the rivers Doce, Carmo and Gualaxo
- In Mariana and Barra Longa, schools have been renovated and 100% of the students have completed the school year in 2015 and are up to date with the 2016 calendar.
- 170 rural properties have been assisted and provided with silage, technical support and equipment. They have resumed their production processes.
- 25 technical reports show that the water quality has been continuously improving.

"We have a clear commitment with society, expressed and formalized in the Agreement recently signed with the Federal, Minas Gerais and Espírito Santo Governments. Part of the actions initiated immediately after the dam burst. Others are being implemented now, as the construction of two pipelines in Colatina, Espírito Santo. Our goal is to set the impacted regions to the same conditions they were before the accident, or better", says Roberto Carvalho, Samarco's CEO.



## Reconstruction

Among the major reconstruction actions, there is the definition, to be made this month, on the place for the new district of Bento Rodrigues. The community will decide, by the end of April, the spaces for common use such as squares and religious temples. Then, the urbanization works shall start.

In the municipality of Barra Longa, all the accesses have been unobstructed and are under maintenance. The internal areas of the houses released by the Civil Defence are now clean, as the roads in downtown. From 89 houses released for renovation, 51 have been accomplished. Amid the stores, 23 have been renovated and 8 are under renovation. The town's main square has been completely cleaned and, in a participative process with the community, Samarco is now developing an architectural project for the locality.

In order to solve the impacts caused to the agricultural sector in Mariana and Barra Longa, Samarco has provided 1,800 tons of corn silage in sacks, other than corn flour, hay, wheat bran, soybean meal and dog, horse and milky cow feed, among others. Altogether, around 3,000 animals have been assisted in farms in the region and 107 thousand meters of fence have been installed in the rural properties.

This work front comprises specialized professionals such as zoo technicians, agriculture technicians, agronomists and forestry engineers to provide support to the farmers, other than all necessary equipment such as tractors, excavators and lorries, among others.

## People

Two hundred and twenty five people from the communities have been hired for jobs mapped by the front Occupation, Jobs and Income. Based on professional, education and interest data, Samarco has been seeking opportunities to reinsert people into the job market. All the work fronts prioritize the hiring of local people.

The chilli jam factory, a traditional activity in Bento Rodrigues, has been re-established and is now in full operation.

In another work front, through partnership with Sesi, Senai and Fiemg, 220 youngsters have graduated in professional training courses of civil construction and gastronomy. There are new classes scheduled to start in the next two months for sewing, computing, manicure and handcraft courses.

As an emergency financial support, Samarco has delivered 4,726 subsidiary cards. From those, 540 have been delivered to the communities of Mariana, Barra Longa and Rio Doce and the other 3,992 to fishermen and riverside communities whose subsistence depend on the river. The registration of impacted people is still been performed by Samarco.

The subsidiary card is composed of a minimum salary, plus 20% for each dependent, plus the amount corresponding to a market basket, according to what has been calculated by Dieese.

## Environment

In the environment front, Samarco has completed the construction of three dikes for containment of sediments in a way that they are not carried by rain water or by water streams in the Fundão Valley. In order to meet the same goal, 80% of the impacted area has been re-vegetated, what corresponds to 640 hectares of the 800 along the rivers Doce, Carmo and Gualaxo.

In the Risoleta Neves Hydropower plant (Candongia), the processes for dredging 500 thousand cubic meters of sediments from the reservoir have started. This will enable the resumption of power production.

Another important work front in the environmental area concerns the permanent monitoring of water quality. 118 points are monitored throughout the entire length of the river Doce, a job that has generated more than 500 thousand analysis and 25 thousand technical reports.

## Water

In Colatina it has been authorized the construction of two new pipelines in the rivers Pancas and Santa Maria. The regular water supply has been re-established in all the towns that capture water from the Rio Doce. Technical reports from different bodies certify that, after treatment, the water in these towns meet the requirements of the ordinance 2,914 from 2011 of the Ministry of Health.

### More information



**Mônica Ferreira**

monica.ferreira@vale.com

**Fatima Cristina**

fatima.cristina@vale.com

Rio de Janeiro

Rio de Janeiro

+55 (21) 3845-3636

+55 (21) 3485-3621

---