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Vale announces the arrival of the first batch of 2 million syringes to fight Covid-19

Items, of a total of 50 million units, will be donated to the Ministry of Health as part of the company's new humanitarian aid package

As part of a new humanitarian aid package to fight the pandemic in the country, Vale informs that the first batch of two million syringes arrived on Tuesday night (3/9) at Guarulhos airport, in São Paulo. The inputs, which will be donated to the Ministry of Health to support efforts for the immunization of the Brazilian population, were brought from China, a country with which the company has a partnership of almost 50 years. Another 48 million syringes are expected to arrive in May, totaling a donation of 50 million of these items. All material is in accordance with Anvisa's (Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency) specifications.

"Based on the dialogue with the Health Ministry, we are committed to make this fundamental input available to vaccinate the population and help the Brazilian society to overcome this pandemic", says Vale's CEO, Eduardo Bartolomeo. He recalls that this action is in line with the company's strategic pillar New Pact with Society. "Our determination is to donate all inputs to the country to support the population against Covid-19".

Vale's support to the federal government also includes the delivery of 400,000 PPE for the protection of professionals on the frontline of vaccination. In March, the company donated 240 thousand masks, 40 thousand pairs of gloves and 120 thousand aprons. The Ministry of Health is in charge of distributing all these items (PPE and syringes).



Other donations

Vale is also supporting the Butantan Institute in the conclusion of the works to expand the Multi-Purpose Center for Vaccine Production (CPMV), which will have a production capacity of up to 100 million doses per year. In addition to the vaccine against Covid-19, the unit may also produce other immunizers manufactured in Butantan. The center, which will occupy an area of 10,000 m², is expected to be ready by September this year, at a total cost of R\$ 160 million, of which R\$ 10 million donated by Vale.

The package also provides support to municipalities in the regions where we operate to face the pandemic. Vale is donating 36 thousand cubic meters of oxygen to the government of Pará, 8 multiparameter monitors, 16 infusion pumps and 20 manual beds for Marabá, in addition to renewing an agreement with the Acqua Institute to hire health professionals, who will work in the wing of the General Hospital of Parauapebas, renovated in 2020 exclusively for the treatment of patients with Covid-19.

"Attentive to the needs of the territories where we operate, we are repeating the war operation that we set up last year with logistics to import the inputs to help the country in the pandemic", says Vale's executive director of Sustainability, Communication and Institutional Relations, Luiz Eduardo Osorio.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, in March last year, Vale has been offering humanitarian aid to fight Covid-19. Last year, the company allocated more than R\$ 500 million for the purchase and donation of 5 million rapid test kits and almost 16 million PPE to the Ministry of Health, in addition to other actions, such as the construction of field hospitals, health units and equipment acquisition in the states where the company operates. ([Check here for more details](#))













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