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Vale completes donation of 5 million rapid test kits and close to 16 million PPE to the federal government

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The eleventh and final plane, with equipment purchased by Vale in China to combat the spread of the new coronavirus, landed on Saturday night, May 9th, at Guarulhos International Airport (SP). The aircraft brought the last shipment - 250 thousand surgical aprons - which was donated to the federal government that is in charge of distribution to health facilities throughout the country.

In just over 40 days, 5 million rapid test kits for virus detection and 15.8 million personal protective equipment (PPE), packed in 25,975 boxes weighing 308 tons, and equivalent to the weight of 308 popular cars, were delivered to the Ministry of Health.

In addition to the rapid test kits, Vale donated a total of 2.54 million N-95 masks to the Ministry of Health, considered the most effective mask for workers exposed to contaminated environments; 10.7 million disposable surgical masks; 2.3 million aprons; 216,000 gloves; and 4.5 thousand protective eyewear.



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By the end of the month, three more aircraft will have arrived from China, bringing kits and PPE to the six states where Vale operates (MG, PA, MA, ES, MS and RJ). In total, almost 14.5 million pieces of equipment will be donated to these states. A further 5 million test kits will be added to the cargo, that were purchased by Brazilian banks with the logistical help of Vale in China, a country with which the company has had a partnership for almost 50 years.

In total, more than 600 tons of products will have been brought in the 14 planes (12 freighters and 2 commercial planes). Altogether, the flights will total 266,926 kilometers, equivalent to 80 times the distance between Porto Alegre and Macapá, 314 hours of flight time. To bring in the cargo, Vale mobilized 116 employees from nine company divisions in Brazil and China.

In addition to emergency aid, which strictly follows the guidance of health authorities, Vale has been carrying out humanitarian efforts, such as the construction of field hospitals, refurbishment of health clinics and procurement of equipment. In total, R\$352.8 million has already been invested out of the R\$500 million total that the company has committed to combating the disease in the country.

"It is a satisfying feeling to deliver this last lot to the federal government. It was a difficult logistical challenge to mobilize our teams here and in China, at such a critical moment for the world. But fortunately we concluded the delivery with the knowledge that we are collaborating with the efforts of others to supply the country with important equipment. Vale will continue to be vigilant in fighting the disease in its operations and in the areas where it is present" says Vale's CEO, Eduardo Bartolomeo.

More than equipment

The humanitarian actions, however, are not limited to the acquisition of equipment abroad. The company has helped in the construction of field hospitals; hospital refurbishments; equipment purchases, such as ventilators, hospital beds and monitors; and the donation of cleaning supplies, including 100 tons of alcohol gel. To safeguard the social isolation of indigenous peoples with their traditional communities with whom they interact, the company will build quarantine centers, with all the necessary logistical support.

In partnership with the Hospital Israelita Albert Einstein and the Rede Mater Health Center, Vale has launched a US\$1 million bid (about R\$5 million at the average dollar exchange rate for March) to support innovative solutions aimed at reducing the impact of Covid-19, a disease caused by the new coronavirus.

Another R\$2 million was allocated to the State Brain Institute for equipment purchases. The institute, with which Vale has had a 10-year partnership, has become a standard bearer in Rio de Janeiro for hospitalization and treatment of disease.

Below are the main humanitarian initiatives already carried out by Vale to combat Covid-19:

Measures to support the federal government - R\$213.8 million

- 5 million rapid test kits for virus detection;
- 15.8 million PPE (2.54 million N95 masks; 10.8 million surgical masks; 216,000 gloves; 2.24 million aprons and 4.5 thousand goggles).

Actions to support Brazilian states - R\$ 131.7 million

- 14.5 million pieces of equipment, including test kits and IPEs for the six states where the company operates (MA, PA, RJ, MS, ES and MG);
- Construction of three field hospitals in Parauapebas (PA), Açailândia (MA) and 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 brain monitoring equipment, ultrasound and monitoring robots, among other hospital items. The institute, with which Vale has had a 10-year partnership, has become a standard bearer in Rio de Janeiro for hospitalization and treatment of the disease;
- Logistical support for transporting hospital equipment;
- Support to the Parauapebas City Hall (PA) to survey the epidemiological profile of Covid-19 in the municipality, through the application of PCR sample tests on the population;
- Purchase of 390 pieces of hospital equipment (mechanical ventilators, beds and monitors) for four hospitals in PA: Parauapebas Hospital, Canaã Hospital, Yutaka Takeda Hospital and Cinco de Outubro Hospital
- Donation of 81 thousand pieces of cleaning supplies, in addition to 100 tons of alcohol gel and personal hygiene kits for 14 prisons in 13 cities in Minas Gerais;
- Donation of 5 containers with air conditioners and stretchers for Santa Casa de Saúde de Ouro Preto (MG), which will be used as a first reception site for suspected cases of the new coronavirus;
- Provision of three ambulances for the Mariana City Hall. The vehicles are equipped with Intensive Care Units (ICU) and two of them have respirators;
- Acquisition of medical-hospital supplies for the hospital in São Luís (MA);
- Anticipating the donation of five new rescue and fire fighting vehicles to the Maranhão Fire Department. The vehicles will give support in combating COVID-19 through the sterilization of public areas;
- Donation of two solenoid valves for the production of respirator prototypes, in São Luís;

Activities to support indigenous and quilombolas - R\$ 2.3 million

- Construction of 15 Quarantine Units in MG and ES to serve the Tupiniquim, Guarani, Krenak and Pataxó ethnic groups that have a relationship with Vale, in addition to the other indigenous peoples living in these states;

- Construction of a Quarantine Center for Awá, Guajajara and Ka'apor Indians, Indigenous Health Professionals and FUNAI in Santa Inês/MA
- Donation of cleaning kits to 475 quilombola families, mariculturists and artisanal fishermen of Sepetiba Bay (RJ);
- Donation of cleaning kits to 10,000 indigenous families in MG, MA, ES, PA.

Other measures - R\$ 5 million

- Vale, in partnership with the Albert Einstein Israeli Hospital and the Mater Dei Health Network, launched the "Vale COVID-19 Challenge" public notice to support solutions that reduce the impacts of Covid-19, focusing on the areas of prevention and risk screening, screening and diagnosis, monitoring and patient follow-up, and intensive care. The assistance will be made through financial contributions or by connecting partners so that these solutions can be implemented within 15 days. There will be a maximum investment of US\$ 1 million (approximately R\$ 5 million at the average exchange rate for the month of March). 11 companies and educational institutions from seven states in Brazil and Canada were included.



Donation to the Federal Government

Between March 30th and May 10th, **11 flights** from China **brought to Brazil Vale's donations** to the Federal Government.



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in donations

5 million
rapid test kits

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personal protective equipment (PPE)

25,975 boxes

308 tons

Surgical masks	N95 Masks	Vests	Surgical gloves	Protective goggles
10,740,800	2,536,000	2,316,978	216,000	4,500

More information



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