

## Scouts are supporting the victims of the strong storms hitting southern Brazil; find out how you can help!

Southern Brazil, in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, is experiencing one of its worst weather tragedies. The rain, persisting for at least a week, has put the entire state in a state of calamity and is expected to continue for the next few days, causing more damage. The storms in southern Brazil began on April 27 and intensified on the 29th. Over 340 cities have already been affected, including the state capital of Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre. As of the time of writing this statement, 141.3 thousand people are displaced, with 19.3 thousand in shelters and 121.9 thousand evacuated (staying with relatives or friends). In total, 345 out of the state's 496 municipalities have reported some kind of problem, affecting 850 thousand people.

The government has declared a state of calamity. The storms occurring in Rio Grande do Sul are a reflection of at least three phenomena in the region, aggravated by climate change: 1) There was a trough, which is an intense wind current, acting over the region, causing unstable weather; 2) This was compounded by a humidity corridor coming from the Amazon region, which increased the strength of the rain; 3) The scenario was further exacerbated by an atmospheric block, a reflection of the heatwave, which caused the central part of the country to become dry and hot, leaving the rain concentrated at the extremes. The heat from the Earth and the oceans impacts the atmosphere and causes weather events to occur more strongly.

Guided by the nobility of the principles contained in the Scout Law and Promise, scouts are tirelessly engaged in assisting the victims of the devastating weather tragedy that has struck southern Brazil. In a gesture that reflects their unwavering commitment to solidarity and community service, scouts are mobilizing resources, offering emotional support, and actively participating in relief and reconstruction efforts in the affected areas. The scouts are involved in rescuing victims, providing boats, collecting, sorting, and delivering donations, making meals, supporting the displaced, providing medical assistance, and more. The presence of scouts is a tangible testimony to the power of unity and compassion in times of adversity, inspiring hope and promoting resilience amidst hardship.

Your prayers and thoughts are crucial at this difficult time in Brazil. But if you are willing and able to help, we provide a bank account for donations to assist the victims of this calamity. The funds raised will be fully allocated to humanitarian support, including the purchase and donation of essential items, transportation, and feeding of volunteers, among others. At the end of the campaign, a proper accountability will be provided, ensuring the integrity and transparency of this action.

### **BANKING DETAILS:**

**Account Name: Banco do Brasil**  
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**Bank Address: Rua Rockefeller, 651 - Reboucas**  
**Account Number: BR380000000030070001257668C1**  
**IBAN: BR380000000030070001257668C1**  
**SWIFT Code: BRASRRJCTA**

**Let's stand together for Brazil!**



Fonte: Arte/G1



A vessel owned by the Brazilian Scouts assisting in the rescue of victims.

