

Press release

## Solvay to donate €60,000 in support of Brazilian government's coordinated relief response efforts

CEO Philippe Kehren and Solvay leaders to leverage the Ernest Solvay Fund to provide donations in response to Rio Grande do Sul's catastrophic conditions

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Solvay, a world-leading chemical company with headquarters in Belgium, announced today its commitment to aid Brazil's Rio Grande do Sul province in the wake of record catastrophic weather. Solvay is leveraging the Ernest Solvay Fund to provide vital support, totaling approximately €60,000.

Since late April 2024, Brazil's Rio Grande do Sul province has experienced historic rains and flooding, which have led the Brazilian government to declare a state of emergency. Government officials estimate that more than 600,000 people have been displaced with numbers expected to rise.

"We are very saddened by the ongoing rains and flooding impacting communities in southern Brazil," said Philippe Kehren, Solvay's CEO. "The country and people of Brazil are important to Solvay and we are committed to assist during this time of need. Through the [Ernest Solvay](#) Fund, we are pleased to donate approximately R\$280,000 Brazilian Real (€50,000) to the Government of Rio Grande do Sul to deploy funds where needs are most urgent."

The Ernest Solvay Fund supports initiatives in Belgium and in the countries where Solvay is active in the company's key corporate social responsibility policy areas - STEM education, scientific progress and sustainable development. It is administered through the King Baudouin Foundation.

"We greatly appreciate the Ernest Solvay Fund donation," said Daniela Manique, Solvay's President - COATIS Global Business Unit & CEO Latin America. "The Rhodia business unit is also pleased to donate approximately R\$60,000 Brazilian Real (€10,000) to the Government of Rio Grande do Sul in support of relief efforts." Beyond financial donations, Solvay's Brazil-based employees are also supporting a wide range of volunteer efforts.

Brazil is home to Solvay's Rhodia Global Business Unit headquarters. Approximately 1,300 Solvay team members work in Brazil at the company's headquarters site (Sao Paulo), research and innovation center (Paulinia) and production sites (Brotas, Curitiba, Imperatriz, Paulinia and Santo André).

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Solvay, a pioneering chemical company with a legacy rooted in founder Ernest Solvay's pivotal innovations in the soda ash process, is dedicated to delivering essential solutions globally through its workforce of over 9,000 employees. Since 1863, Solvay harnesses the power of chemistry to create innovative, sustainable solutions that answer the world's most essential needs such as purifying the air we breathe and the water we drink, preserving our food supplies, protecting our health and well-being, creating eco-friendly clothing, making the tires of our cars more sustainable and cleaning and protecting our homes. As a world-leading company with €5.6 billion in net sales in 2022 and listings on Euronext Brussels and Paris (SOLB), its unwavering commitment drives the transition to a carbon-neutral future by 2050, underscoring its dedication to sustainability and a fair and just transition. For more information about Solvay, please visit [solvay.com](https://solvay.com) or follow [Solvay](#) on LinkedIn.

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