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The United States Government provides emergency assistance to Northeast flood victims

United States Ambassador to Brazil authorizes donation of US\$ 50,000 through USAID to support assistance efforts in the region.

Brasilia, June 23, 2010 – United States Ambassador to Brazil Thomas Shannon today announced the authorization of US\$ 50,000 in disaster relief to complement existing efforts to assist the victims of the floods in Alagoas and Pernambuco states, which has 42 deaths to date.

The financial assistance provided by the U.S. Government will be used to acquire hygiene items, cleaning products, clothes and medicine. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) are responsible for donating the U.S. resources and coordinating distribution. Brazilian and state governments are already providing food and water to populations displaced from their homes.

Ambassador Shannon said, “Our thoughts and prayers are with those families affected by this natural disaster. Our assistance is an act of solidarity with Brazil and the people of Alagoas and Pernambuco, undertaken with confidence that the strength and perseverance of the Nordestinos will help overcome this tragedy.”