

Banorte helps Chiapas victims

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Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Chiapas, October 3, 2005. Today in a true act of solidarity, Grupo Financiero Banorte gave a MxP\$250,000 check to the government of the State of Chiapas to help victims of the heavy rainfall that recently hit the Costa and Soconusco regions of this southeastern Mexican state.

At the Tuxtla Gutiérrez Government House, Mr. Manuel Sescosse Varela, Director General of Commercial Banking for Grupo Financiero Banorte gave the donation to the State Governor, Pablo Salazar Mendiguchía.

Upon making the donation, Mr. Sescosse stated that with this aid from Banorte, Mexico's Strong Bank, we are stretching ties of solidarity with ¿our brothers and sisters in Chiapas so that their daily lives can soon get back to normal.¿ In making the donation, the institution is the first to deposit into the account that will remain open and receiving deposits from all over the country for the exclusive support for the victims in Chiapas.

Governor Salazar in turn expressed his gratitude to Grupo Financiero Banorte for its support and pledged to immediately channel the funds received to relieve the shortages experienced by citizens of the Costa and Soconusco regions of Chiapas.

Banorte has opened account No. 0500000045 and placed it at the disposal of anyone nation-wide who would like to show their support and help the cause; all donations shall be channeled directly to aid the victims.