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Brazil



## NEEDS

Continent: **America**

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Country: **Brazil**

### Cry of the Earth

- Brazil is home to 60 percent of the world's largest rainforest, the Amazon.
  - deforestation in Amazon Basin destroys the habitat and endangers a multitude of plant and animal species indigenous to the area
  - if rainforest deforestation levels surpass this critical level, the region will experience severe drought and rain fluctuations with global impact potential
- illegal wildlife trade, illegal poaching
- air and water pollution in Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, and several other large cities
- land degradation and water pollution caused by improper mining activities
- wetland degradation
- severe oil spills

### Cry of the Poor

- Some police officers kill unlawfully, torture detainees, and mistreat children in conflict with the law
- Many Brazilian prisons are severely overcrowded, and the lack of adequate state control leaves inmates vulnerable to violence, extortion, and recruitment by gangs.
- Other human rights problems include violence against women, killings of journalists and bloggers because of their work, and violence against rural activists and indigenous people involved in conflicts over land.
- Perpetrators of abuses during the military rule of 1964 to 1985 continue to be shielded from justice by an amnesty law passed by the military regime
- Gap between rich and poor remains wide
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## Commitments