

## Ana Paula is in the only class of the village

In the little village of Mola there is just one class and one teacher.

Centuries ago, a group of former slaves hid in a remote place in order to escape slavery. They named the hamlet where they lived Mola, forming an isolated but peaceful community. Due to the tidal flow in the river, the village is very difficult to get to. There is a small school but it is in a very bad condition. There are no chairs, no books, no pencils,



river in small boats. Not many of them are willing to do so. Ana Paula is, sometimes. She is 9 and lives with her father, stepmother, grandfather, grandmother and two younger brothers in a small wooden house near the river. She does not always go to the local school. Sometimes she thinks that's a pity but on days when the river gives off a nauseating smell of sewage, she is not too keen. On those days she is unable to concentrate anyway. Ana Paula also thinks that the school is very dirty. There are rats, bats and snakes there.

The only schoolteacher does everything himself: he teaches, cooks the midday meal for the children, cleans and organizes sports activities. From time to time he travels to the nearest town to buy things to renovate the building and to ask the authorities for more support.

### Aid for Mola from UNICEF and ING Chances for Children

The aim of the project is to provide Ana Paula and the other children in Mola with high-quality education.



no pens, no toilets and no drinking water. All the children are in one class, if they attend school at all.

To go to a 'real' school, the children must take to the perilous

### The project in Pará

ING Chances for Children is supporting UNICEF in order to ensure that in Pará more children go to school and have access to high-quality education. The cornerstone of the project is the improvement of the quality of education. For example, a system has been set up through which pedagogical support and training is provided to teachers, heads of schools, parents and community leaders. Moreover, a newsletter, website and a telephone conference system have been created to stimulate the exchange of knowledge between the isolated schools. This enables high-quality education to be achieved even in remote villages like Mola.

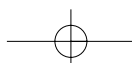
Providing information about the importance of schooling and new developments is also part of the project. Parents learn how important it is to send their children to school. Furthermore, financial resources are being made available to arrange transport to and from school, to improve the state the schools are in and to provide the schools with teaching materials and toilets, for example.



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## Facts and figures

### Brazil

- Total population: 183 million
- 8% live on less than US\$1 per day
- 97.1% of children are receiving primary education
- The quality of education is poor
- Only 51% of children complete primary school

### Pará

- Population: 6 million
- 1.6 million children between the ages of 7 and 14
- 12% of 10-to-14-year-olds cannot read or write
- 1 in 3 of the inhabitants are illiterate

### Project goals

- Access to high-quality education for 674,613 children
- Increasing the number of children that go to school by 62,000
- Training more than 24,000 teachers
- Halving the number of illiterate 10-to-14-year-olds
- Reducing the number of pupils repeating a year by 40%
- Raising average school attendance from 3 to 6 years
- Extending the project to include all 143 municipalities in Pará



Adriano da Silva, Brazilian and Wholesale banking manager:  
 'My field trip to the Amazon with UNICEF has inspired me so much! I have gained a deeper insight and a greater appreciation of the impact that the program is having on the lives of children in the region. I was so moved by the stories of the children and teachers. They want so much to learn and improve themselves!'

*Adriano was so convincing when describing his experiences to his colleagues in Wholesale Banking that he raised more than € 25,000 in funds at one single event.*



UNICEF is the child rights organization of the United Nations. UNICEF champions the rights of all children, irrespective of race, nationality, political persuasion or gender and has aid programs in 155 countries. UNICEF works to provide healthcare, proper nutrition, education, clean water and hygiene to children. The organization provides aid on condition that national or local authorities contribute to the financing and implementation. Additionally, the local population must also be prepared to participate actively in the projects. Education is the key to personal growth and a better future. A child can develop optimally through schooling. It is no coincidence that the second millennium development goal is 'Basic education for all children worldwide'. UNICEF is committed to this cause.

See [www.unicef.org](http://www.unicef.org)



### ING Chances for Children

ING Chances for Children is a worldwide program run by the ING Group. The aim of ING Chances for Children is to provide children with access to high-quality education.

ING strives to achieve this by doing volunteer work in the local communities in which it is active. In addition, ING co-operates with UNICEF to achieve its aims. ING Chances for Children is supporting three educational projects in different countries: Ethiopia, Brazil and India.

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