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Elane in 2006



Elane is taught at the teacher's home

Elane lives in the Brazilian state of Pará where the quality of education is very poor. As there is no 'real' school close by, she is taught at the home of one of the teachers.

Where Elane lives, there is no school to be found for miles around. Fortunately a teacher lives there who has set up a classroom on the first floor of his house. He teaches 30 children of all ages in grades 1 to 4. Elane walks there every day with her 4 younger sisters and brothers. They have no books and most of the chairs are broken. They can use the teacher's toilet but because this is often being used by another child, they also urinate in the bushes. The heat, flies and mosquitoes often make it difficult to concentrate. Elane

dreams of the day when they will have books, pens and pencils. She likes doing sums, drawing and playing with dolls.

She finds it pretty hard if she has to work a lot at home and at school. That happens when she has to help her parents by doing chores or working on the land. Sometimes she also has a bit of time to herself. Then she mostly watches TV. Her 14-year-old sister Carliane is still in grade 3. She is even further behind than Elane. After grade 4, all the children ought to go to a different school to continue their education but this is one hour away from the village by car or boat. Many parents cannot afford the journey and the school uniform. The children then often stop going to school and look for work, either at home or elsewhere, while very often they still cannot even read or write.



Help for Elane from UNICEF and ING Chances for Children

The aim of the project is to provide Elane and the other children in her village with high-quality education. UNICEF is working to improve local education and stimulate the community to allow the children to finish school. In this context, arranging better transport to and from school is essential.

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.

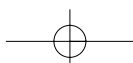
Providing information about the importance of schooling and new developments is also part of the project. Parents learn how important it is to send their children to school. Furthermore, financial resources are being made available to arrange transport to and from school, to improve the state the schools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

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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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