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**Para Crianças is on a Roll!**

*Affiliate Para Crianças is expanding our child and maternal health programs in Brazil. Crescer Saudável (Growing Healthy) is now in 117 preschools. Health in Action has produced dramatic health outcomes in school children. And we're introducing aquaponics to Brazil.*

Our diligent team in Brazil is hard at work implementing gardens at preschools across Petrolina for INMED's Crescer Saudável program with the Monsanto Fund. In addition to increasing access to fresh produce for school meals, our team is working with teachers to deliver colorful and engaging nutrition education lessons and training cafeteria workers to incorporate more fresh vegetables and fruit into the school menu. For schools that lack enough space for a traditional garden, we're installing clever wall gardens for leafy greens and herbs that the children can tend with their teachers.



Another initiative that has made a significant impact on the health of children in Brazil is our Health in Action program with the Mondelēz International Foundation. A school-based participatory education model, it uses school gardens to increase children's access to fresh produce and teach healthy lifestyle choices. Since 2010, Health in Action has improved the nutrition of more than 430,000 children in 1,005 schools in 14 cities and towns across three states of Brazil. School personnel have reported that INMED's gardens have fostered observable behavioral and academic benefits among their students, especially those who had trouble integrating into the classroom setting. Stay tuned for an impact evaluation report on this highly successful program.

As if that's not enough to keep our Para Crianças team busy, INMED is in the early stages of introducing our climate-smart agriculture program to Brazil. There is keen interest to install school-based aquaponics systems as a source of fresh produce, income generation and interactive learning. Stay tuned for more news on this program! For more information about INMED in Brazil, visit [www.paracrianças.org.br](http://www.paracrianças.org.br).