



First INMED Aquaponics[®] System in Brazil Goes Live

INMED Brasil's commercial INMED Aquaponics[®] system at the SERTA campus in Pernambuco is now operational. It is the first of several INMED systems that will be implemented throughout Brazil.

Our local team has worked diligently to make up lost time after the project, nearly completed, came to a screeching halt for several months when the coronavirus pandemic struck. It is the latest component of our Health in Action (Ação Saudavel) program in partnership with the [Mondelēz International Foundation](#), which has supported this school-based nutrition and healthy lifestyles initiative for a decade.

In the last two weeks, the project team has been adding gravel to the grow beds, filling up the fish tanks and checking all components of the system. INMED's aquaponics experts will now lead a two-day training course for SERTA's teaching staff. In addition to the virtual training, the project team will add fingerlings to the fish tanks and practice the proper way to plant lettuce, kale and other crops.

SERTA is a technical school specializing in research and sustainable development. The

produce and fish harvested from the new INMED Aquaponics® system will be incorporated into the feeding programs of our Health in Action schools in nearby Pombos. The project also will host field trips for Health in Action schools in Pombos and Recife.

A First Harvest event is planned for early 2021. [CLICK HERE](#) to follow this project on Facebook. [CLICK HERE](#) to follow on Instagram.

INMED's Soweto System Featured on ETV News



Word is spreading in South Africa about how INMED Aquaponics® is providing food security for distressed communities during the pandemic, as well as opportunities for marginalized individuals to achieve sustainable livelihoods. ETV News recently featured a great piece on INMED South Africa's aquaponics project in Soweto in partnership with the Mondelēz International Foundation. Check it out!

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More New Faces at INMED



Missele Vegas
Human Resources Director
INMED Partnerships for Children

Paula Callaghan
Community Educator
INMED USA

Tanisha Cox
Program Development
Coordinator
INMED USA

We are pleased to introduce three new additions to the growing INMED family.

Missele Vegas joins our HQ team as Human Resources Director. She has more than 20 years of experience in human resources across industries, including government contracting, IT, telecommunications, hospitality, retail, software and construction. Bilingual in Spanish and English, Missele has held director-level positions at international and domestic companies and has traveled to more than 30 countries. She earned her B.A. in Industrial Psychology from George Mason University and an M.A. in Human Resources Management from Marymount University in Virginia.

Paula Callaghan joins the INMED USA team as our new Community Educator. In this role, she will expand the services of INMED USA to bridge the digital divide—especially for the most vulnerable families in Loudoun County, VA.

With a degree in public relations from NUR University, Bolivia, Paula is passionate about education advocacy in both her professional and personal life. She is a true change agent, creating innovative programs for children and adults in under-served communities, particularly when there are language or economic barriers. During COVID-19, Paula has filled the information gap for families who needed information about education options, precautions to keep families safe during the pandemic and access to community resources, such as food distribution, in Spanish.

Also a new member of the INMED USA staff, **Tanisha Cox** is our new Program Development Coordinator. In this role, Tanisha works with staff, volunteers and community partners to create programs and opportunities to fill community needs. Heavily involved in local outreach, Tanisha is familiar with the opportunity gaps in our region—especially the needs of teens—and has developed numerous successful programs in Loudoun and Fairfax Counties over the past 15 years.

We look forward to sharing their accomplishments in future newsletters.



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