INMED Celebrates 10 Years of Service in Brazil. Horta Brasil (Brazil Gardens) Partnership Launched With El Paso Energy, GE, Johnson & Johnson, Monsanto and USAID

(1994) Combating hunger among children and promoting nutritional well-being and self-sufficiency for families are the key goals of the Horta Brasil program, which supports the Brazilian national initiative, Fome Zero (Zero Hunger). In partnership with the public and private sectors, INMED is improving the nutritional quality of school lunches – the main daily source of food for most of the 100,000 children in the program – through school and community gardening, treatment for parasitic infection, micronutrient supplementation and nutrition education.

Over the past decade in Brazil, INMED has trained more than 15,000 teachers; treated and provided preventive education for over 800,000 children; and reached and mobilized over 3 million family and community members to improve the health and quality of life of their communities. At the end of 2004, INMED Brazil was honored for its ten years of service to children and communities in Brazil in a ceremony attended by the U.S. Consul General and USAID; executives of major companies including Monsanto, GE, El Paso Energy, Colgate and others; and Brazilian dignitaries.

Through this new initiative, The Monsanto Fund and Monsanto Brasil; El Paso Energy; Johnson & Johnson and Janssen-Cilag do Brasil; GE Brasil and The GE Fund; and USAID Brazil and the USAID Global Development Alliance (GDA) have joined with INMED to combat hunger and malnutrition and develop economic opportunities for communities in the poorest areas of the country.

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