

## Results & Relationship

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Photo: A lady picks through rubbish next to a stray hog on the street outside the project.

## Poverty Fuels Anxiety In Children

[UNICEF](#) recently reported that there are 32 million children living in poverty in Brazil. Nationally that is 63% of children and teenagers.

In areas of the north-east where UNiViDA works, poverty is experienced by 90% of children and young people.

It seems that in the last few years, the situation has worsened, including a decline in educational standards and increase in illiteracy.

These official statistics certainly seem consistent with the situation we see in the slums here in Fortaleza. Since the pandemic, schools have struggled to recruit teachers, unemployment is high and the cost of living is surging.

Furthermore public services in the slums continue to fall short of basic standards. It is sad for us to see this stagnation of development after many years of working in this community. However, we encourage ourselves by the results and relationship we have with one child at a time. We are not giving up.

Poverty is multi-dimensional. Another recent report concludes...

*"At least 25% of preschool children living in an urban area in Brazil presented a mental health disorder. These mental disorder were associated with modifiable factors such as stressful family relationships and lower social capital."* [Brazilian Journal of Psychiatry](#)

It is reasonable to assume that 1 in 4 of the students that we receive at The University of life have mental health disorders caused by social conditions and the relentless dominance of gang violence. We already know that without the intervention of organizations like UNiViDA which provide family and educational support, the chances of a child completing basic education are drastically reduced.

## The Return On Your Donation

Look at these figures and remember we are only half way through Brazil's academic year. Thanks to your monthly support, these stats will double by Christmas.

### Received By Each Child At CBC In The Last 6 Months

**440** hours of education

**130** nutritious meals

X **260** children

**66** hours of safe play

Each hour of education is a step forward on a path-way out of poverty. Thank you so much for believing in us and enabling us to deliver these services.

This is over **28,000 meals for our children**, not including our 18 staff members and volunteers whom we feed every day as well.

**These numbers translate into transformed lives** because each activity enables our students to feel safe, loved, valued and confident. **Furthermore our children are on a journey of faith.** Each day they grow closer to God, maturing their understanding of salvation through Jesus Christ and what it means to live in a right relationship with God.

For more results watch our video summary of the first 6 months of 2023.

[www.youtube.com/unividacharity](https://www.youtube.com/unividacharity)

**Thank You**

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### Summer Activity Club

You might think that most teens would baulk at an invitation to help prepare a meal in the kitchen. Not the teens on our summer camp! Here's why.

1. They live in homes with no fitted kitchen.
2. They rarely eat vegetables or prepare anything other than rice and dried beans.
3. The kitchen at The University of Life is the best kitchen they have ever seen in their lives. It's an inspiring place to be!

Cooking has been one of the activities that our teens loved in the last week of July. Others have included swimming, art, clowning and hip hop.

Helen, 14, begged her teacher to be able to come back and help in the kitchen the next day. It's fascinating to see how the students have been embracing every opportunity. Even on the first day of the week long club, the students were asking if there was going to be another one.

Here are some photos of the best moments.



Art Class



Discipleship



Kitchen Skills



Lunch



Friendship



Make Up Club



Creative Evangelism



### Coming Soon - Back To School

Our second semester will start on the 7th August. On the 15th we will be celebrating Father's Day in Brazil and on the 7th September we will celebrate Brazil's Independence Day. Towards the end of the year students prepare for their end of year exams and presentations.

We are also planning to hold our Big Family Lunch on 15th November.



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