

**PROGRAMME FOCUS REPORT FORM**  
**Education – The Key to Progress**

**PART I**

**IDENTIFICATION:** Education  
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**Project title:** “Soldados nunca Mais”  
**SI “Program focus” topic:** Education – The Key to Progress

**Total money spent:** 10 000 EUR  
**Total number of persons involved:** 150 children and young people from the Favela Vila Aliança in Rio de Janeiro, Brasil.

**PART II**

**What you did:**

We organised a reception and a piano concert on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2002 by Sylvia Traey, laureate of the Queen Elisabeth contest in Belgium, in a historical chapel “Elzenveld” in Antwerp.

**How you did it:**

**Awareness:** Mireille Dom, the president 2001-2003 of our club, made a trip to Rio de Janeiro and visited the Favela Vigario Geral, another project of Nanko van Buuren, a psychiatrist from the Netherlands. He is working in Rio for already nine years. We visited the hospital, the school for adults, the workshops for young people, with a band, a graffiti workshop and a football club.

**Advocacy:**

We met Nanko van Buuren in Belgium and invited him to explain his different projects in Rio de Janeiro for the young people, who were or are attracted by the drug traffic, to give them alternatives.

**Action:**

Besides the organisation of the pianoconcert, we also contacted JOHNSON & JOHNSON in Belgium. They have a special fund for projects in development countries and they donated a substantial amount of 6 000\$.

We are in permanent contact with Nanko van Buuren, with email correspondence. He sent us on regularly basis a report about the evolution of the different projects in the favela's in Rio.

**PART III**

**Outcome and recommendations:**

**Strengths:** We were under the impression of the optimism of the young people. They were playing in the band “Sobreviventes do Mal” (those who survived the evil) with instruments of tins, made by themselves. We visited also the small hospital and we met the social workers, who visit the young mothers and give them education and advises about hygiene and healthcare.

**Successes:** 25 ex-soldiers (young people who worked for the drugmafia) together with 150 poor children are participating in the football club, the graffiti workshop, the theatre training and the boys band of the project of the favela Vila Aliança. Hopefully more and more young people will attend the different projects in this favela in order to prevent them of cooperation in the drugtraffic.

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