



THE **EnQueroSer** YEAR

PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT

AUGUST 2018

"WHAT I LOVE MOST ABOUT UMRIO, IS PUTTING ON THAT BLUE SHIRT AND BEING PART OF A VERY SPECIAL GROUP OF PEOPLE, ON AND OFF THE FIELD"

Franklin Cruz, 15 years old, Sky Blue

SUMMARY

August marked 5 years of UmRio in Morro do Castro, and to kick-off such a special occasion we ran a non-stop 30-hour rugby game, breaking records and social barriers. Andy Burnett, who was part of the first CURUFC group of volunteers to visit following our partnership with Cambridge University last year, arrived just in time for the event with Caspar Ramsay. August was also marked by developments in our employability programme, as well as two visits from our ART Dentistry team.

DEVELOPMENTS

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY:

RUGBY

30-hour rugby: Last year, we launched an UmRio 24-hour non-stop rugby challenge together with St Alban's school, who held the first leg, in October 2016. UmRio subsequently ran the following leg of this 24-hour non-stop rugby circuit in July 2017, which was followed by the third leg, at Oxford University Rugby Club.

This year, with the support of UmRio Events Manager Roberto Campos and IT teacher Gustavo Freitas, we took the opportunity to use the event to promote youth leadership, and project-based learning through event management. 13 children and young people were active in the planning and execution of the event, which occurred on the 3rd and 4th of August. Led by a young project manager Levi Chagas (21), our team of young people set up and executed deliverables using a SCRUM Project Management Methodology. Our teams overcame environmental and social challenges including torrential rainfall and impact from a nearby shootout, to successfully run the event, playing rugby consistently for 30 hours (1,800 minutes, or 108,000 seconds).

While breaking a world record for an event of its kind was special, breaking social barriers that are based on negative stereotypes of favelas like Morro do Castro was at the forefront of the event's purpose. At a time when notions of fear and insecurity are at a high in Brazil, our children, young people and volunteers proved once again that not only can they play rugby non-stop for 30-hours, but an event of this magnitude can be done in a favela. Indeed, in running the event in Morro do Castro, our team's message is that not only are favelas part of the city, but that their residents must have their right to come and go guaranteed. In having students from local and international universities take part throughout the night, the event was a proven urban connector, making – for even just 30-hours – often rigid social boundaries more porous.

Final Score:

Dark Blues 3,784 – 3,698 Sky Blues

Current Standings:

2017: Sky Blues

2018: Dark Blues

Volunteers: Last year, Andy Burnett was part of the first group of CURUFC volunteers to visit UmRio following our partnership with Cambridge University RFC. This year he was joined by Cambridge Rugby League Blue, Caspar Ramsay. For the first time in UmRio's history, our volunteer team included Dark and Sky Blues, who were brought together by UmRio's mission. Andy and Caspar joined Ed, Violet and Katie in August, taking part in every session in the week (including English and Employability). Notably, Andy faced Ed in the 2016 Varsity Match as opposite numbers, also playing alongside each other against the British Army as part of a combined Oxbridge Under 23 Squad.

Rugby Focus: In August, our focus has been working on developing our contact rugby – particularly decision-making after the tackle is made. Moving away from just tackle technique, we have begun working on rucking, counter-rucking, and decision-making. With the second leg of the University Championships around the corner, our Dark Blues have been training hard to improve on July's result.

EDUCATION:

Our education programmes kicked off once again in August, following school holidays in the month of July.

UmRio English: longstanding volunteer, and founding member of the UmRio English Programme Monique Mendes will be leaving the programme in September after being accepted to read a Master's degree at *Sapienza, Università de Roma* in Italy. Monique has been involved since the programme's inception in 2016. Together with Lydia Kulenicz, that year, Monique launched UmRio's first full class-based programme, which originally ran on Mondays, and went on to include Wednesdays. The programme has since grown into one of UmRio's most popular programmes, registering over 150 students in 2018.

Monique's 2018 team which includes, Evelyn Mendes, John Kelly, and Marcio Texeira, will be joined by:

- Aline Barros, a Morro do Castro based English teacher with more than 10 years of experience teaching English at a local school. Aline will be running our Blue's classes on Wednesdays.
- Ester Lee, a rugby player from the Federal University Fluminense, with ample experience as a private English tutor. Ester will be running our Blue's classes on Monday's.
- Rebeka Aytenfisu, a Canadian English Teacher who will be running an advanced English course on Saturdays which will lead into a TEFL course, coaching advanced students on how to teach English.

Educational Support & Employability: In August, our young people held Skype interviews with UmRio volunteers and ambassadors, including Dom Waldouck (Oxford University Captain & Newcastle Falcons Centre), and Tom Mitchell (England & GB Sevens Captain).

6 young people progressed through our CV and Cover Letter Writing workshops. Having had lectures on Interview Support, these 6 Dark Blues (18+) will be going through a selection process within UmRio for paid work-experience positions in several programmatic and administrative functions. The roles include:

- **Programmatic Roles**

Young people will provide support in Baby Blue (05-11 years) sessions through programmatic, work-experience roles that will be supervised by experienced volunteers in each programme. Volunteers will mentor and provide regular progress updates to the young people, highlighting areas of strength, and areas that need to be worked on.

- UmRio English Assistant
- Education Support & Employability Assistant
- Rugby Assistant

- **Administrative Roles**

- Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning (MEL) Support
The young person engaging in MEL Support will be helping MEL Coordinator Raianne Belchior, collect and synthesize data on all our programmes.
- Audio-visual Communications - Film Producer
UmRio's Audiovisual Communications coordinator, George Powell, will be mentoring a young person through the development of UmRio's documentary production.

PROJECT BLUE:

As mentioned in previous Progress Reports, Project Blue, is an impact-driven programme that takes two young people to the UK for an educational, sporting and cultural experience. The programme seeks to promote educational progress amongst our participants. To be eligible for Project Blue, participants were required to have 80% attendance in our rugby programme, our English programme, and an education programme that is aligned with his/her educational goals for 2018 (educational support/employability programme, or our pre-university entrance exam programme).

Originally, two participants would be chosen through a (final) lottery, but following a generous donation from Stuart Wilson at RP International we were able to extend that to three young people. Coincidentally, three young people qualified through our criteria this year, and took part in a symbolic lottery at the end of the 30-hour rugby event.

The three young people who have qualified for the first ever edition of Project Blue are:

- Ivan Silva (19 years old)
- Matheus Silva (19 years old)
- Matheus Oliveira (21 years old)

The three young people have already begun the process of obtaining their passports, with the support of UmRio's legal team.

COMMUNICATIONS:

UmRio Documentary: filming for a short-documentary on UmRio has already begun. The documentary's storyline will be based around Project Blue, focusing on individual stories, and how UmRio's theory of change has affected the lives of each individual candidate.

MOVING FORWARDS

IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER:

- 11th September:** Visit from Martin Jouffineau from Meu Copo Eco
- 12th September:** Pilot for UmRio English 2019 Course Curricula begins
- 14th September:** Passports for Project Blue
- 29th September:** Rio de Janeiro's University Rugby Sevens Championship

FINANCIALS

Financial Statements, and monthly audited accounts can be made available by our partners at **Multiplic Contabilidade** (a Brazilian-based accountancy firm) upon request.