

## Student Testimonial - Working with Mais Caminhos in Rio de Janeiro

Mais Caminhos is an NGO in Rio de Janeiro that works with the children from the communities (favelas) Cantagalo and Pavão–Pavãozinho. They provide complementary education and tutoring, as well as field trips, a summer and a winter programme for the holidays, and exchanges to other countries. The children from the communities are usually accustomed to a lot of violence in their daily life, and with Mais Caminhos, located in a language school in Ipanema, they have the possibility to learn and be children in a safe space. During my field work, I taught English in the Complementary Education Programme, gave tutoring lessons, and helped organizing the summer programme. I conducted a field study about the learning environment and the concrete strategies that NGOs can apply to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goal of Quality Education.

I value the experience a lot - it was challenging, but very rewarding to work with the children, and the work that Mais Caminhos does is incredible. I learned a lot, and will always be grateful for my time with the NGO. Further, I greatly enjoyed the time in Rio de Janeiro, the “Cidade Maravilhosa” (marvelous city) - I got to know amazing people, learned Portuguese, discovered the city and the amazing Brazilian culture, and learned a lot about the world, life, and myself.

