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INMED Launches Bold New Social Enterprise

Building on more than a decade of harnessing the power of aquaponics for social and economic good around the world, the timing couldn't be better to launch the **INMED Aquaponics® Social Enterprise (INMED ASE)**. “The COVID-19 pandemic has heightened awareness of the critical need for local food production that can be adapted to local conditions,” says Dr. Linda Pfeiffer, founder and CEO of INMED Partnerships for Children.

Aquaponics is an intensive form of agriculture, combining hydroponics and fish farming in a closed symbiotic system that produces at least 10 times more crops than traditional farming using a tenth of the water, with no chemical fertilizers or pesticides, makes that possible — even where scarce water, soil and space conditions exist. “Yet more than just providing food security, the INMED ASE was designed to act as a powerful catalyst in transitioning historically disadvantaged populations, including people with disabilities, women and youth, from subsistence to commercial agricultural production using climate-smart aquaponics,” Pfeiffer added.

INMED South Africa will be the first INMED affiliate to implement INMED ASE. Long-time program partner Mondelēz International, Inc. is the first to invest in INMED ASE under its new **Sustainable Futures** impact investing platform to incubate, finance and support self-sustaining ventures that address key challenges in the world. *Sustainable Futures* seeks to co-invest in projects addressing climate change, as well as making seed investments in social ventures that aim to improve livelihoods and build healthy communities—something INMED Partnerships for Children has been working toward around the world since 1986.

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Doing What it Takes to Deliver Health in Peru



COVID can't stop INMED Andes from getting Johnson & Johnson's chewable deworming pills to endemic communities in Peru. Infection with soil-transmitted helminths (better known as parasitic intestinal worms) is an insidious public health problem in Peru.

Despite stringent COVID restrictions that prevented mass deworming events as in years past, our agile team got millions of doses of mebendazole to community health workers, who traveled door-to-door to ensure that the most vulnerable children and families received treatment. Working in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, INMED Andes has facilitated the delivery of more than 51 million doses of mebendazole since 2007. Kudos to Fernando, Zarela and Ursula—our tenacious team at INMED Andes!

Sadly, COVID has taken away one of our dear INMED Andes community partners. Nurse Rosario Guarda was an integral part of our Bilikit™ implementation team to detect and treat neonatal jaundice in remote regions of Peru.

Nurse Rosario became a beloved colleague, protecting the health of hundreds of babies with the Bilikit™ over the last two years. Throughout her career, her skillful hands helped give an untold number of babies a healthy start in life, which was her own life's mission.



It takes many devoted partners to deliver INMED's programs for children and families in need, and Nurse Rosario was one of the best. Our hearts and prayers go out to her family, friends and INMED constituents whose lives she touched in meaningful and lasting ways.

Your Vote Counts in Brazil!

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Our team at INMED Brasil is busily preparing for a big launch event on March 26 for the first INMED Aquaponics® system in Brazil. Located at SERTA, a technical school specializing in sustainable development, the system will be used as a teaching and training tool for instructors and students, and will strengthen food security in surrounding communities. The system is the latest component of our school-based Health in Action program with the Mondelēz International Foundation to improve nutrition and promote healthy lifestyles for vulnerable children in Pernambuco state. Harvests from the INMED Aquaponics® system will be distributed to Health in Action schools in Pomobos and Recife.

For the launch event, INMED Brasil has commissioned well-known Brazilian graffiti artist **Nathalia Ferreira** to paint a mural on a wall along the path to the INMED Aquaponics® system. Help us decide which mural for the artist to paint by voting for one of the two designs above on the INMED Brasil Instagram page on March 10-11. **CLICK HERE** to vote and follow this exciting project!

What's Up in Jamaica?



PLENTY!

After meeting with the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries in February, interest in INMED Aquaponics® for food security, climate adaptation and sustainable incomes has exploded.

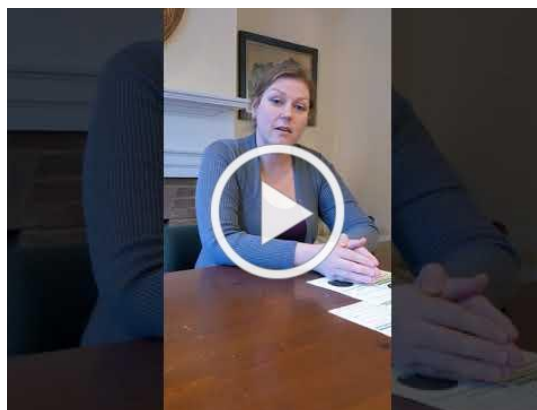
Partnering with the Caribbean Development Bank and IDB Lab, INMED Caribbean is on track to transform the lives of hundreds of small-scale farmers and budding agro-entrepreneurs.

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Why the World Needs the INMED School

According to the World Bank, 53% of children in low- and middle-income countries live in learning poverty. It's projected that COVID-related school closures risk pushing an additional 72 million children into that category.

In the USA, 44% of children under age 18 live in low-income families—significantly affecting learning opportunities. In affluent Loudoun County, VA, economically disadvantaged teens have a high school dropout rate nearly over three times higher than the countywide average



For these youth, the traditional way of learning is not working. Whether it's due to lack of parental support or the need to help support the family or developmental or mental disabilities, this generation of students is falling through the cracks. Without a new way of learning and career exploration, this generation is at risk of losing about \$10 trillion in future life-time earnings. That's 10% of global GDP, and it's a travesty for the entire world.

The INMED School will offer flexible and tailored learning, according to each student's needs. A key pillar of the school will be individual mentoring to help students define and work toward their goals. Internships, class selection and experts in their fields will empower the students to learn more about a career (or college) path—with practical experience in our INMED Aquaponics® greenhouses.

Our internship program is designed to expose students to a variety of careers in practical and meaningful ways, with placement in entry-level positions for a semester or more with a mentor who is the right fit. Dual enrollment opportunities with Northern Virginia Community College can help pave the way to enrollment, which is the kind of opportunity—and support—many teens do not currently have.

The INMED School ultimately seeks to be an incubator for global thought leaders and entrepreneurial problem solvers. With state-of-the-art education grounded in the UN's Sustainable Development Goal, INMED School students will develop their own solutions for tackling poverty, injustice, inequality and climate change hands-on, while creating their own college or career path to the future.

The concept is scalable, and it could be a global game changer for education. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and support this impactful program.



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