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## UNESCO'S PROJECT IN BRAZIL HELPS TO FIGHT RAMPANT YOUTH VIOLENCE

### VIDEO

AERIAL OF CITY (23")

CHALITA ON CAMERA (3.5")

INTRO (4")

CHALITA ON CAMERA (11")

### AUDIO

#### NARRATION

The streets of Sao Paulo, Brazil...are a violent and dangerous place...

Gang fights...drugs....one of the highest homicide rates on the planet....

Without a safe place to go...the youth here are especially vulnerable.

#### CHALITA:

"The youngsters don't have much to do"

#### NARRATION

Sao Paulo Education Secretary, Gabriel Chalita.

#### CHALITA:

"When the weekend arrives they drink, they end up being involved in fights, and that's how we see tragedies happening, taking lives away."

NARRATION

CROWD/DEAD BODY (7")

Thousands of lives. On weekends alone, death rates increase a staggering sixty-five percent.

CENTER (19")

But now UNESCO and Sao Paulo's Department of Education have developed a simple but effective solution to the rampant violence: get kids off the street and give them a place to go. How? By keeping open the state's five-thousand three-hundred public schools during weekends.

CLASSROOM (15")

Kids join adults from the neighbourhood in the classroom. From arts and cooking...to painting...From the very old...to the very young, students of all ages learn to rely on each other and develop a sense of community.

INTRO (3")

Ballet teacher Debora Nuñez...

NUÑES:

NUÑES ON CAMARA (11")

"It's like a family. Strong friendships develop. For those who want to learn something new and free, this is the place."

CHALITA:

CHALITA ON CAMERA (9")

"Education is the base for everything. With education, violence goes down, the use of drugs and alcohol decreases, then you have a healthier human being."

COMPUTER CLASS/GAMES (7")	<p><u>NARRATION</u></p> <p>And police reports have shown that violence has gone down – sixteen percent over a year in schools themselves.</p>
PING PONG (5")	<p>All this has meant big changes for 15 year-old Diogo de Oliveira.</p>
DE OLIVEIRA ON CAMERA (3.5")	<p><u>De Oliveira:</u></p> <p>"I would be on the street doing nothing. Here I can enjoy myself"</p>
GAMES (8")	<p><u>NARRATION</u></p> <p>And Diogo is far from alone. Since opening in August of 2003, the program has been inundated with students....</p>
CHALITA ON CAMERA (4")	<p><u>CHALITA:</u></p> <p>"There are months where 7 million people show up."</p>
CLASSROOM (13")	<p><u>NARRATION</u></p> <p>Which means millions of kids off the streets - and out of trouble. It's a program that works in Sao Paulo and is a model throughout Brazil and Latin America.</p>
LOGO (10")	<p>This report was prepared by Chaim Litewski for the United Nations.</p>