



**One family  
Their struggle  
Your impact**

Dear \*|FNAME|\*,

First of all, we hope you are staying healthy and safe as we continue to navigate this challenging time.

Before we tell you about Ariane, we would like to emphasize the impact of your voice in our short [survey](#). To inform you how you want, we need as many responses as possible! [PLEASE CLICK HERE TO PARTICIPATE](#)

Below, we present the story of **our student Ariane** who lives with her mom in a little home in Cantagalo. They reveal the difficulties of their current situation and how grateful they are for the food baskets.

Next week more than 611 food baskets will be distributed to our families.

Love from all our students, families and volunteers of the EduMais Family,  
Diana

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### **How the impact of COVID-19 caused Ariane to miss our classes**

Ariane is 16 years old and lives with her mum in a small rented house in Cantagalo, one of the three favelas where EduMais works. She's in the first year of high school at Solar, our partner organization in the favelas, and has studied English at EduMais since 2017.

When she began lessons with EduMais, Ariane didn't speak any English. But she is so keen and determined to speak English fluently that she never missed a class.

At first, Ariane was terrified of making mistakes and hardly dared to speak. However, with our focus on the growth mindset, support, and engaging and safe classes, she has slowly become more vocal. Now, she feels much safer to make mistakes as she sees them as learning opportunities.

At the beginning of this year, we asked our students in the Extracurricular English Program what they wanted to learn. Ariane replied, "I want to be able to have job interviews in English." A talented teenager with a love of learning, Ariane is already seeking ways to combine her future study with her work aspirations.



Finally, we managed to contact Ariane and her mum, Ana. Ana is a single mum who usually works every day on the beach. Her income is unstable as it depends on how busy the beach is. On busy days and during the high tourism season, she earns more.

Generally, Ana earns enough to pay the rent, internet bills, and some extras. Ariane's dad – who lives in Teresópolis, a city about 100 km from Rio – usually pays for some extra food for Ariane, particularly fruit and vegetables. She also gets these at the two meals she has at school when it's running.

**However, since the COVID-19 outbreak, the beaches and the school are closed. And no beach means no money. No money to pay the rent or the internet so Ariane can continue to study.**

Like so many others, Ana applied for support from the government. But sadly, again like so many others, Ana hasn't yet received any support from them. People in irregular jobs like Ana are now facing tough situations.

When we managed to contact Ariane's mum, she wrote that she and Ariane are going through very difficult times:

*I had no money to pay for the internet,*

Ariane wants to be a psychiatrist because she likes helping people with their problems and dreams of providing her mum with a comfortable life. Thinking ahead, she joined EduMais' Extracurricular English Program for extra English lessons to help her on this path.

We interviewed Ariane about her experience at EduMais and she said:

*My favourite part of Edumais is the teachers because they are volunteers, they teach us because they want to. They teach us English and speak a lot about the culture of their countries. They are always from different places, some from Holland, some from the United States, some from Canada - and I love this! Outside of the English language, I've learned a lot about world culture with EduMais.*

Ariane's positive experience was precisely why she had never missed a class. . . until recently.

For two weeks, Ariane didn't participate in the regular English nor the Extracurricular English classes we are currently running online. We received no messages from her and were becoming increasingly worried.

*and so Ariane had to miss classes. Luckily, someone lent me some money to pay for the internet for this month. We have internet through the cable and that cost us €17 for 20 MB.*

Now, at least, Ariane can study and do her homework. However, Ana has no money to pay the rent, which is €160.

Fortunately, her landlord understood the situation this month. But for how long will they? And how will Ana pay for the internet next month?

"We have to stay home, of course," Ana told us, "but I'm extremely worried about not being able to pay for the internet next month and how to pay the rent of our home, and I fear getting into debt."

She then said, "*The food baskets help us a lot and we're extremely grateful because Ariane can continue to focus on her studies without going very hungry.*"

**This is how your €11 makes a difference in Ariane's life. She can continue to work towards her promising future while her devoted mother can put some food on the table. Without your support, Ana and Ariane's already distressing situation would be even more challenging.**

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**Just €11 will provide an entire family TWO BASKETS:**

- 1) Food - 14 essential items**
- 2) Sanitation - 8 essential items**

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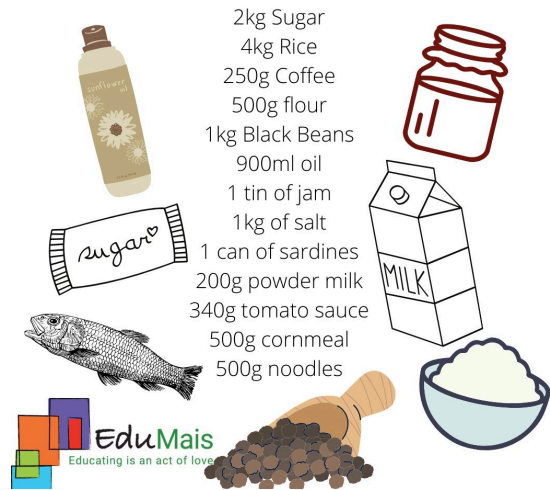
**There are many families like Ariane and her mum. Together, you and we can help these kids through the COVID crisis and support them when we get to the other side of it.**

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## *What's in our cesta basica?\**



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*THANK YOU for helping mothers and fathers worry less.*

*THANK YOU for helping families get to tomorrow.*

*THANK YOU for helping children go to sleep without their tummies rumbling.*

Big Love,  
The EduMais Family





Diana Nijboer | Founder of EduMais

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