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BRAZILFOUNDATION RELEASES 2007 FINALISTS

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Now available on the **BrazilFoundation** website is a list of the 54 projects that have been chosen as finalists for the 2007-2008 selection process. These projects were selected from a pool of 975 proposals received by the December 2006 deadline. Coming from every state in Brazil, the project proposals were focused in the areas of education, health, human rights, citizenship, and culture. The finalists are now being visited by the **BrazilFoundation** team. The selected 25-30 projects will be announced on the 20th of July, and each project will receive up to \$25,000 reais, along with technical guidance and administrative assistance. To see the list of 54 project finalists, please visit www.BrazilFoundation.org.

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The geographic distribution of the project finalists reflects the vitality of nonprofit activities in all five areas of the country. Once again, the Southeast and Northeast were the largest represented in the selection process. Of all the Finalists, 47% came from the Southeast and 27% from the Northeast. 14% came from the South, while the North and Center-West regions each sent 6% of the total projects.

Visits by **BrazilFoundation** analysts to all regions of the country are made possible by a partnership with TAM airlines. The three *states* with the greatest number of project finalists are: São Paulo with 9 projects, Rio de Janeiro with 7 projects, and Minas Gerais with 7 projects as well. Bahia and Pernambuco each have 4 projects to be visited. In the North region, **BrazilFoundation** will visit 6 projects distributed throughout the states of Amazonas, Amapá, Pará and Rondônia. In the Center-West region there are 4 projects to be visited in the states of Goiás, Mato Grosso, and the Brasília District. Of all the finalists, 19 of the projects concern citizenship, 11 look at education, 11 confront human rights issues, 7 deal with health, and 6 promote culture.

The \$25,000 grants and additional capacity-building support from the Foundation have had an extraordinary impact on the development of small and medium sized non-profits across Brazil. The number of proposals received every year is approximately thirty times larger than what the Foundation has funds to support. Thanks to the help of concerned individuals and corporations in the United States, over a hundred projects have been supported over the past five years.

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