

Extension Programme of Social Income and Technological Inclusion of the Men from Pantanal



Navega Pantanal Project

www.navegapantanal.fmb.org.br

Navega Pantanal Project website has been on line since March 26th 2007. From this period, it has received more than 125 thousand visits which indicate that visitors have great interest in getting to know the concept and benefits promoted by the project.

In the website, participants can have access to the classes' schedules, send messages, read about the news, check important events through picture galleries, download files from the classes and solve doubts. In the video gallery, visitors can watch teachers', students' and land owners' testimonials, which show how the project has changed their lives.

"Contact us" in the website is open for all visitors and the questions are all answered by the project team. Everyone can be registered and have access to the restricted area and know more details about the project.

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Pantanal is the biggest wetland in the planet. In Brazil, its area is of 150.000k² and 65% of its territory is in the state of Mato Grosso do Sul and 35% in the state of Mato Grosso. The most relevant characteristic of the Pantanal is the flood and dry periods considering the relation of the bay and the lowland. This makes the region work as a giant sponge during the rain season, because it receives water from the highland which is retained and slowly leaked to the Paraguay River.

Life in this region is directly connected to the water spectacle which is repeated annually and responsible for the constant renovation of the fauna and floral.

The "pantaneira" family lives in a difficult situation, determined by the cycles of water and by the great distance between farms and islands and the nearest towns and leave them isolated and unprepared to deal with those problems faced by people who live in towns.



For this reason, the Ministry of Agriculture, Cattle-raising and supply (MAPA) and Manoel de Barros Foundation (FMB) were concerned in developing a distance learning project as a way of tearing down the geographic isolation naturally imposed to remote communities and productive sectors of the Pantanal in Mato Grosso do Sul.

The Navega Pantanal Project aims at giving opportunities to these people, such as digital inclusion to the remote communities in the Pantanal, transferring production technology and organization through capacity and mechanisms of discussion. The project was idealized in 2006 by a team who represents MAPA, Manoel de Barros Foundation and the Community Provost from Universidade para o Desenvolvimento do Estado e da Região do Pantanal UNIDERP from the group ANHANGUERA, under the coordination of Professor Celso Martins.

There were 25 computerized bases with satellite signal, giving the opportunity to the local community to have access to internet. The project produces electronic guides, didactic videos and interactive classes available, which are taught in the studios of the UNIDERP Interativa, in Campo Grande, MS and transmitted via satellite to the bases.

Classes are designed in modules referred to the thematic axes such as Agricultural Practices, Digital Inclusion, Teaching Practice, Enterprising and Management and Improvement of life quality. Questions on the modules presented are cleared in real time through chats and each basis has a local tutor.

The producers of the Navega Pantanal Project created the www.navegapantanal.fmb.org.br website as a tool to support the classes. The participants can have access to the class calendar, send messages, read about news, download the classes files and also check important facts through photo gallery. In the video gallery, visitors can watch teachers', students' and farmers' testimonials which show the

benefits provided from the project in their lives. Everyone who visits the website can have access to the restricted area and know more details about the project.

Last year, about 6 thousand people were benefited from the interactive classes who attend lectures and problem-solving actions. The first goal was to reach 3,5 thousand people.

To develop the Navega Pantanal Project, MAPA and FMB have partnerships with reputed institutions recognised for their services provided to the society, such as Anhanguera/UNIDERP, Universidade Federal de Mato Grosso do Sul (UFMS), Embrapa Gado de Corte, Embrapa Pantanal, Parque Regional do Pantanal, Federation of Agriculture and Cattle-raising of Mato Grosso do Sul (FAMASUL), State Secretary of Education, National Service of Rural Learning – Mato Grosso do Sul administration (SENAR-AR/MS) and the town halls of Aquidauana, Corguinho, Corumbá, Miranda, Porto Murtinho and Rio Verde de Mato Grosso.



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