

THE BRAZILIAN TEAM

They are in it to win it!

Brazil are the most successful team in the World cup – they've won it five times.

Nothing less than another win will be enough for the fans.

The team is nicknamed 'A Seleção' – the selection – although in English they are often called 'the Samba Kings'.

20 of the 23-man squad play in Europe.



FIRST MATCH DETAILS

Brazil v North Korea

When: 15 June, 7.30pm

Stadium: Ellis Park, Johannesburg

Capacity: 62,000

Who's going to win?

Brazil are expected to easily get all three points. It's the first time North Korea have qualified since 1966, and they'll be lucky to get any points at all in their Group.

EDUCATION IN BRAZIL

One child out of fourteen never gets to primary school.

Nearly a million are missing out.

72 million children are missing out on an education. Celebrate the World Cup by supporting 1GOAL – Send My Friend to School. For more information and schools resources visit www.sendmyfriend.org



REAL LIFE STORY: Solange, 10

When we last met Solange she was 10 years old and living in Recife, Brazil. As her family don't have much money, they were living in a wooden shack on the city's rubbish dump.

Solange helps her family by earning money recycling bottles on the dump. Children aren't supposed to work on the dump, but she doesn't have much choice – they need the money to survive.

Solange dreams of going to school and becoming a teacher when she grows up, but she's afraid too – she might get bullied because she lives on the dump. She feels unhappy when she sees other children going to school, because she knows she is missing out.

But things are now looking better for Solange and her family. They now go to a project where they can play, have good meals and a shower. Solange especially likes playing football. The project is also helping her enrol in school and the family have moved away from the dump.



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FOOTBALLING HERO: Gilberto Silva, 33

Gilberto is a midfielder for Brazil and has signed up to 1GOAL.

He is often called 'the invisible wall' because he defends well. He is known for being calm and a peacemaker on the pitch.

Gilberto knows how difficult it can be growing up in Brazil. "There are many problems related to poverty", he says. When he was a teenager his mum became sick so he had to work as a labourer to help his family earn enough money, almost giving up his dream of becoming a professional footballer.

Gilberto has a giant anteater at London Zoo named after him!

