



BRAZIL

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Brazil is the largest country in South America and borders ten different countries. Its landscape is incredibly varied and includes the world's longest river and largest tropical forest. The Amazon is the planet's largest remaining rainforest, teeming with more wildlife than anywhere else on earth and helping stabilise our climate. Over half the Amazon rainforest is in Brazil, although deforestation is threatening its survival. Brazil is one of the world's biggest economies but there is a wide gap between rich and poor with 16 million people living in poverty.

Capital **Brasília** Official language **Portuguese**

Area size **8,514,877 sq km** Forests cover just over half of the land area

Climate **Mostly tropical, but mild in the South**

Population **201,009,622 (July 2013 est.)**

Population distribution **85% of Brazil's population live in urban areas**

Money **1 real = 100 centavos**

Life expectancy **71 years (men), 77 years (women)**



THE BIG ISSUES



Women's Rights

Compared to men, women receive up to **30% less** pay for doing the same job.



Young People

Around **14 million** Brazilians aged 15-29 live in poverty.



Education

Only half of young people aged 15-17 years old attend secondary school.



Water & Health

50% of people living in rural areas do not receive adequate healthcare.



Land & Food

Since 2000, an area of Amazonia the size of **50 football pitches** has been destroyed every minute.

ActionAid in Brazil

ActionAid works with around 1,300 communities across the South East and North East regions of Brazil, helping more than 300,000 people. For more information visit: <http://po.st/AABrazil>