

AZLera's Projecto Oceano: Monthly Report – February 2014

The project has experienced changes this month. Firstly we said goodbye to our new scholarship student, [Naiza](#), who has left for Maputo to study Medicine - we wish her the best of luck and will be following her progress closely during the next couple of months to make sure her transition goes smoothly. The first few months are always challenging for students leaving the island especially when moving to such a large city but luckily she will have the support of friends and family already living in Maputo. Our other two students, Mingos and Firoza, also started their second year of university. For an overview of their progress throughout their first university year please take a look at their [yearly reports](#) on our website.



Another development this month has been the renovation of the project. We have transformed a room that was previously used for storage into a small library. As you can see in the pictures we have also added a bit of colour to the interior of the project. Most of our members came to help with this task which we managed to complete in only a couple of days.

Our IT classes have been very successful this month. With the help of Sofanias, our member in charge of IT, we have developed a curriculum with courses covering LOGO, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, internet research skills and basic computer skills. We are currently giving four weekly classes to primary and secondary school students from the island. Teaching IT skills is a central part of our work here at Projecto Oceano and we hope to encourage a new generation of children on the island to acquire these skills. We are also working to provide further training in IT for our current students. We will soon be starting a website set-up and run by Projecto Oceano members where we will post articles about the island and local culture and information about Projecto Oceano's activities.

Earlier this month a visiting architect from Portugal dropped by at the project and kindly agreed to give a lecture to our students on her work and her insight on the rich architectural heritage present on the island. We had a strong response to this talk with many members and local students turning up. The lecture was followed by a question and answer session during which we discussed the pros and cons of local constructions.

