

Futsal mad Sthefania travells 10,000 miles to 'gain experience'

The fact that the FIFA Futsal World Cup 2012 is being held in Thailand was all the motivation Brazilian Sthefania Vieira de Lacerda, needed to travel more than 10,000 miles to volunteer at the tournament in which 24 teams will compete for world futsal supremacy, *FIFA.com* website reports.

According to *Wikipedia*, Futsal is a variant of association football that is played - mainly indoors - on a smaller playing surface.

Previously, Sthefania worked as a volunteer at the FIFA Futsal World Cup Brazil 2008 and two years later travelled to South Africa to do the same at the 2010 FIFA World Cup™. Although Thailand is far from her homeland, the 24-year-old Brazilian, a student of sports marketing, management and law, was not deterred from jetting off to Bangkok. She says she wanted to be "part of this event."

According to *FIFA.com* website, Sthefania considers her volunteer work as a way of gaining useful experience in the field before she graduates: "I think I've really benefited," the sports-mad student continued. "I volunteered for Brazil 2008 and South Africa 2010, and I was in Poland for EURO 2012 and that will all stand me in good stead in Thailand."

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