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Mr Mattos was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1966, graduated in Agronomy (1987) at the Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRRJ), and received the Master Degree (1993) in Soil Science in the same university.

With more than 25 years of experience, 18 of which worked with civil society, international cooperation, and government agencies, Mr Mattos has dedicated the majority of his experience in the Brazilian semiarid region, managing issues related to water resources, environment, agroecology, public policies, and sustainable rural socio-economic development. This career includes institutions such as Brazilian Ministry of Agrarian Reform, Catholic Relief Services (CRS-US), Agroecology Consultancy Association for Small farmers (AS-PTA - BR), that received support from International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD), US Agency for International Development and Global Environment Facility.

Mr Mattos is co-founder of Semi-Arid Network (ASA), which today is a national network of 800 non-profit organizations, who are responsible for the "One Million Cisterns Project" (P1MC), which aims to "scale up" domestic cisterns in order to capture rain and provide potable water for rural semiarid families.