



Cracking batteries every day.  
A dangerous work.

Working as a brickmaker.  
Most of them are boundet labour.

Repair of bikes in a workshop.

## Campaign against childlabour **AND** for childrens rights

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In cooperation with  Ländliche Mädchenschule Khadigram e.V. Germany and  
Bildungszentrum Weissacher Tal Germany. School of 2000 students.

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**We like to thank all parties for the support and cooperation of our campaign!**



Baskets and stones are ready to carry

After all ☺ Ländliche Mädchenschule Khadigram e.V. Germany runs and supports a girls-school in the state of Bihar, Jamui District, India.

Marianne Frank-Mast had the idea to bring the situation of thousands and thousands of children of this country to the mind of 2000 students at the Bildungszentrum Weissacher Tal in Germany.



Even the smallest little girls have to carry heavy burden

..... Imagine you will have to work very hard, every day in a very hot and dumpy climate, for very little or even no money. Instead of going to school, because you are a boundet labour.

Imagine you don` t get even enough and good food to keep yourself healthy. Imagine if you are sick and there is no medical doctor who will cure you. You cannot pay for necessary medicine and vaccination and nobody takes care for you. Imagine you need a break in between while working and the overseer will not allow you, not even to drink some water. Imagine your parents don` t know where you are living, working and sleeping because the guy who offered your parents a good job was a lair. Imagine there will be no time for you to play with friends and not enough time to recover. Imagine you never see your parents again.

Imagine you will become serious sick or crippled because of this work and die in a very young age because of all this reasons.



A lot to do for the organizers

The campaign started in the early morning after the German students came to school.

By bus, on foot, by bike. Or mummy drove them by car.

The aim was to get as many vaccinations as possible from the pharmaceutical industry Sanofi-Pasteur-MSD as a donation for Indian children in the state of Bihar, India.

There will be a vaccination-camp in 2008 run by the organizers.

The organizers started to build up a course in the twilight of the dawn the student had to pass later on. On a large ground of the Bildungszentrum Weissacher Tal they posted benches, the students had to balance across, get into hoops and go between hurdles. They had to climb stairs and step over big cartons and so on.

Later on the three guys were joined by Neeti Singh, Dr. Dannenmann and Silke Ehleiter. They were happy about that help, because this activity was very much exhausting for all the people who were engaged in the campaign.

Most interesting was the taxi-driver who brought Neeti Singh from the railway-station to the school. Neeti Singh told the lady about the project and purpose of her visit. Spontaneously the taxi-driver donated the taxi-fair for our activity. That was really very kind of her!

### **Now the campaign started!**

One class after the other came. They left their classrooms and studies to work for Indian children for one hour at least. That was a big logistic problem that had to be solved by the director of the school Mrs. Wagner-Hans. She did a great job!



Getting a bill at the urli



and waiting in a line



Start

And then the students could go for work.

Every pupil had to get a coupon from an "urli" that they would have to deposit after passing all hurdles of the course.

By that Mrs. Frank-Mast could find out about the number of the "working kids" and tell it to Dr. Dannenmann-Wessel from Sanofi-Pasteur-MSD.



they taught it is more easy to go for water....



Heike Dürr discussing with the students

There was the possibility to go for water about a long distance.

First of all the student had to scoop water from a barrel then passing hurdles without a break, not falling down, not sipping any water.

The alternative was to work for stone-crackers.

They had to carry as many stones as possible in a basket on their head. This students also had to pass a lot of different hurdles before getting released from there burden. All of the children where very enthusiastic to do the work for poor kids in India so this children can be vaccinated in the beginning of the next year.



Dr. Dannemann is busy for the stonecrackers



together with Neeti Singh

The organizers had a lot to do, to get that many students one after the other along the course, to tell them what to do and for what purpose. Helping them to get the heavy baskets with an upholstery underneath on the head of the pupils and so on. It was not too easy. No one was used to that kind of work.

Actually for most of these students it seemed to be some sort of sports. Some liked do run on the course for many times and where very much disappointed because they where not allow to do so. They claimed that they like to do more for Indian children then only one walk. They became really very much engaged in the campaign.

Still the German children did not realise what it means to do this work for the whole life.



Two stones are not too heavy for one tour, she smiles



Not easy to keep balance on a bench

After going along the course the students went to a lecture hall to watch a power-point-presentation about child-labour in India compiled by Marianne Frank-Mast.

Suddenly the situation for the German students changed. They watched the photographs very interested and where shocked about it. No one of them did say a word while sitting in the hall. There was a complete silence! If there was someone crumpling with paper the others got angry about that fellow and gave short noises. They where just looking at the photographs thinking how it would be to do that heavy work for a lifetime they just had done for not even an hour. Now they could imagine how it would be to live like a bounded labour, how these kids will suffer and that they will have a great deal to bear. How lonely and helpless these children must be because of the fact that they are at the mercy of the overseer far away from there home and there parents.

All students left the hall with a new impression of childhood in their minds.

On April 19<sup>th</sup> ☺ Ländliche Mädchenschule Khadigram e.V. Germany and Bildungszentrum Weissacher Tal organized an evening discussion at the big hall with medical doctors, Dr. Karin Dannenmann, Sanofi-Pasteur-MSD, many parents and other interested people about the need of vaccination, also against child-sickness in Europe and how the situation still remains in countries like India. Walter Mast referred about vaccination and diseases in tropical countries and the terrible consequences if people are not vaccinated.



To dance for tourists through out the day is no fun. It is work, even if it is nice looking.