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Global Child Forum: Kindernothilfe lets working children have their say

(Duisburg / Stockholm 11.04.2018) Leading international companies and scientists met today at the invitation of the Swedish royal couple at the Global Child Forum in Stockholm. At the initiative of Kindernothilfe children participated for the first time: Two youth representatives from Indonesia talked about their situation as working children.

The children's delegates (16 and 17 years old) presented their views on a just and sustainable world at the Global Child Forum and emphasized the responsibility of business enterprises. "We are here because we want to remind businesses that children should not do dangerous or exploitative work. There are millions of working children - some do it voluntarily, but most have to work because their families are so poor. We have a right to a childhood and to fair working conditions and wages," said the two youths.

The founder of the Global Child Forum, Queen Silvia of Sweden, welcomes Kindernothilfe's initiative: "It is a very moving experience for me to meet with child laborers who have had to toil hard, and the fate of millions of working children around the world is very important to me. and I will continue to work for greater accountability and awareness among those responsible." The Global Child Forum is a Swedish foundation committed to promoting children's rights around the world, focusing primarily on the role of business to be motivated to take children's rights more into account in their decisions so as to contribute to a fair and sustainable world for children.

Since 2016, Kindernothilfe has been in charge of the international campaign "It's Time to Talk!", in which around 1,800 working children in 36 countries around the world have been interviewed about their life situation. "Usually the affected children are not asked about their perspectives, reasons for their work or their hopes and that although participation is a universal right for children," says Anne Jacob, child rights expert for Kindernothilfe and project leader of the campaign.

More information about the campaign "It's Time to Talk! - Children's Views on Children's Work" and the participation at the Global Child Forum in Stockholm maybe found here: <http://www.time-to-talk.info/en/home/>.

As one of the largest Christian children's rights organizations in Europe, Kindernothilfe supports disadvantaged girls and boys on their way to an independent and self-determined life. It supports 741 projects and provides humanitarian aid. Kindernothilfe currently protects, strengthens and promotes nearly two million children and their families and communities in a total of 31 countries worldwide.

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