

OUR CHILD LABOUR SCHOOLS

from Exploitation...



...to a better Future



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CHILD LABOUR SCHOOLS IN INDIA

Background

Child Labour is the biggest human tragedy in India and in other countries where it exists. With this concern in mind, IFBWW took the first step in India in 1995 with ILO/IPEC's assistance to provide an opportunity of schooling for child labourers. Although the ILO/IPEC assistance was only for one year, this project paved the basis for the IFBWW to establish more schools under the collaboration of other donors. Education has become one of the positive instruments in progressively eliminating child labour. IFBWW initiated this in the industries that they represent i.e. Brickkilns, construction, stone breaking and quarries.

To further strengthen the cause, IFBWW developed and adopted a policy on child labour at its 20th World Congress at Harare in September 1997, thus reinforcing the commitment of giving priority to the policy of IFBWW to progressively eliminate child labour.

IFBWW was then given support to set up schools through projects funded by Bat Kartel, Denmark and FNV Netherlands. There are currently 15 schools fully in operation. 3 under the support of Bat Kartel, 3 under CFMEU and 9 under FNV Netherlands. A total of 1,294 children (Male: 810 and Female: 484) get schooling facilities.

THE PROJECT ON "CHILD LABOUR AND ORGANISING IN BRICK KILNS" IS A 3 YEAR PROJECT FUNDED BY FNV NETHERLANDS WHICH STARTED IN MAY 1998. SINCE THEN, 9 SCHOOLS HAVE TAKEN OFF THE GROUND WITH A 3 FOLD ACTIVITY BEING **SCHOOLING, ORGANISING AND CAMPAIGNING.**

Objectives

- **Stop child labourers from going to work in Brick Kilns.**
- **Provide basic education to these child labourers removed from the Brick Kilns.**
- **Comply with ILO Convention 138 (minimum age convention).**
- **Strengthen existing unions in the IFBWW Industries.**

Participating Unions

Bhata Mazdoor Sabha, Punjab

(B.M.S.)

Uttar Pradesh Gramin Kissan Mazdoor, Agra

(U.P.G.K.M.S.)

Hind Khet Mazdoor Panchayat, Bihar

(H.K.M.P.)

Location of Schools

B.M.S. Punjab

1. Village Umarpura, District Gurdaspur - started July, 1999.
2. Village Darghabad, District Gurdaspur - started February, 2000.
3. Village Joura, District Ferozpur - started February, 2000.

U.P.G.K.M.S. Uttar Pradesh

4. Village Fatehabad, District Agra - started July, 1999.
5. Village Kondra, District Hathras - started February, 2000.
6. Village Garhia Raj Nagar, District Etah - started February, 2000.

H.K.M.P. Bihar

7. Village Salguri, District Kishanganj - started July, 1999.

8. Village Meerganj, District Araria - started February, 2000.

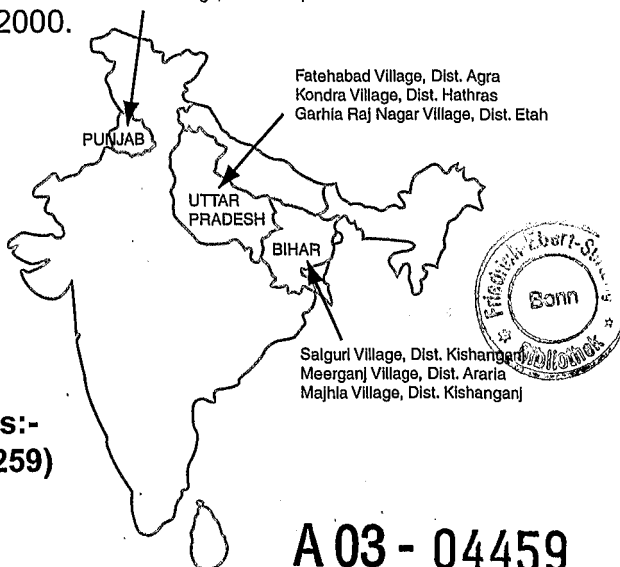
9. Village Majhla, District Kishanganj - started February, 2000.

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Darghabad Village, Dist. Gurdaspur
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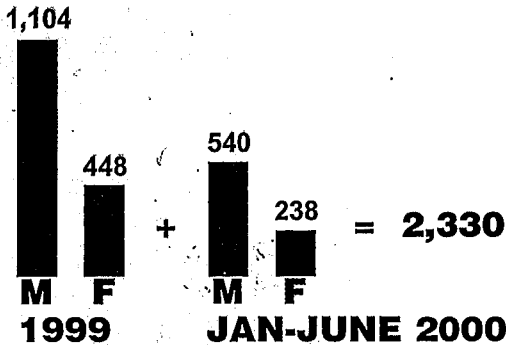
**Total No. of Children
in 9 FNV Funded Schools:-
(Male: 481 and Female: 259)**



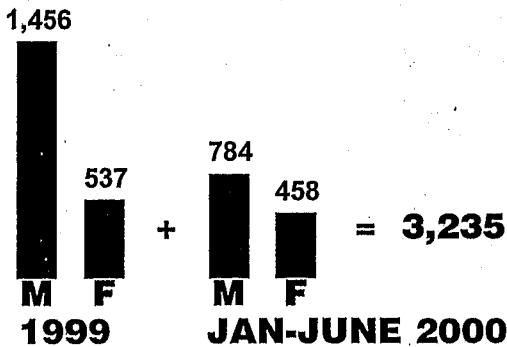
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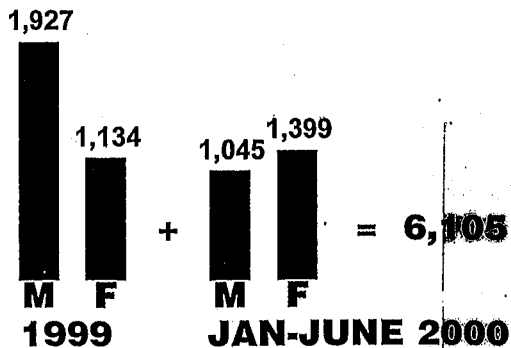
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