

# Terre des Hommes Switzerland

## For children and joint development

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### Education Centres, Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh - India

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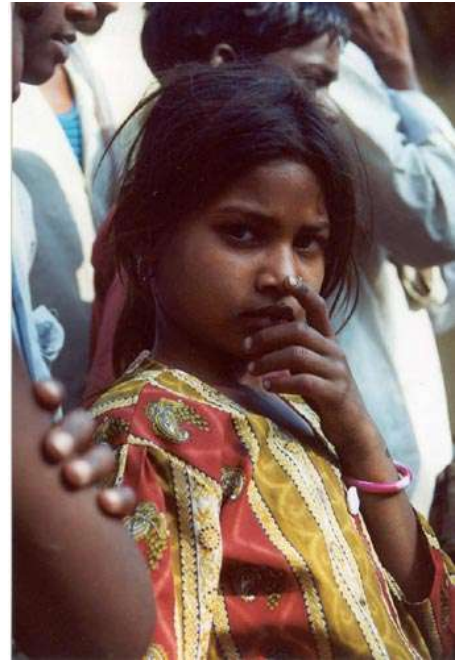
**project resume**  
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**location**  
Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh

**objectives**  
education centres for ex-child workers

**beneficiaries**  
child workers and their families

**partner**  
Yuva Vikas Sansthan



Situated on the alluvial plain of the Ganges, Ghazipur has fertile fields which mostly belong to a small elite, whereas most of the population live under precarious conditions. Agricultural work, possible for 60 days a year at most, is the main activity. The burden of debt frequently forces parents to make their children work in one of the many factories in the region. State schools are insufficient and the school programmes poorly adapted to local needs.

The organisation YVS, Terre des Hommes's partner, has set up three special education centres for "emancipated" children from 6 to 14 years old, with specially formed teachers. A daily well balanced meal and medical check-ups are offered. Village committees supported by YVS keep watch and denounce industries which employ children and put pressure on the authorities to apply the current child labour laws. A programme has also been set up to create employment and give training to women in order to improve their situation and their revenue, thereby avoiding the necessity to make their children work.