

Sustainable kindergarden/daycare partnerships Interactive Water Exhibition for kindergardens/daycares

Water

in everyday life worldwide

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... **In all we eat and drink there is water.**
Even our bodies are largely made up of water.
The surface of the earth consists mainly of water – and so astronauts see the earth as a blue planet.
Life on earth would not be possible without water.

... **The earth's water supplies are enormous.**
But 97% of the water is salt water.
3% is fresh water and most of it is not available, as it is tied to the poles as snow and ice.

... **Our drinking water is subject to an eternal cycle**
The sea, the ground, the barrel and the plants absorb and process precipitation.
The sun evaporates water and creates a constant water content.

But the circulation no longer functions.
More and more water is being polluted, primarily by industry.
Water shortages and water pollution are the main causes for the development of diseases worldwide.

Water is very unevenly distributed on earth ...
While the people of the northern hemisphere have a wealth of water
many people can only use 2 liters of water a day.

... **Today we invite you to a fantasy journey**
where you get to know children from India, Paraguay,
Senegal and Germany and will share an hour of their everyday life with them.
You will see and try out how they live with water.

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Our interactive exhibition “Water is Life” can provide an introduction to various subject areas. In many countries around the world, providing water is a matter for girls.

The topic of girls' socialization/family roles/equal opportunities etc. can be introduced here. Water plays a role in many religions. The course can provide a starting point here. And of course the exhibition offers many opportunities for discussion on the topic: Right to water/Water and health/Water in everyday life/Water pollution/Sustainable use of water etc. You can download the exhibition for free [here](#).

Kamala from India

Drinking water in India
The largest part of the Indian population by far has no access to a drinking water pipeline system in or outside their houses and carries their water home in jugs and bottles from wells and public water taps. That is true of people living in the countryside, but also of many living in cities.

Water points ...
A litre of drinking water can be purchased on any street corner – in plastic bottles for 10 rupees.
As most ordinary workers earn 50 rupees a day at most, they would have to work the whole day for 5 litres.
For that reason, most of the families get their water from public water taps.

Kamala fetches the water
Kamala has to fetch the water her family needs from the nearest water place.
She is 12 years old and lives in Delhi, a big city in northern India. She carries the heavy brass jug on her head for many kilometres.
To stop her head from hurting she uses a cloth which she puts on top of her head.

Your tasks! ...
Today it's your turn. Take over Kamala's role. She needs 10 litres of water for a family of four.
This is all she can carry anyway. Here is a bucket filled with water and a cloth, just like the one Kamala uses. Walk around the room and try to balance the bucket on your head. Your house is 1.5 kilometres away. Imagine having to carry the bucket that far.

Fatou from Senegal

The big drought...
However, in 1977 the great drought came. The water level dropped day by day, the grass withered, the animals starved.
There was no rain, the sun dried up the soil and the wind blew away the harvest.
The people began to starve. Many young people left their villages, moved to the capital on the coast, to other African countries, or some even went to Europe.
There they looked for jobs which would enable them to send money to their families to buy food. The Council of the village elders sent small groups to the government for financial help again and again, until the government paid for a water pump.

Your tasks! ...
Every family gets a bucket of water a day.
With this water you have to make a pot of tea, prepare a meal, set some water aside for washing.
And what's more, today is washing day.
This is now your task.

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