

**Results of the German
Environmental Survey for
Children (GerES IV) and their
implications for prevention
especially through NGOs**

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German Environmental Survey

- The development of an environment-related health surveillance system is a main achievement of the German National Environmental Health Action Program (NEHAP). This system includes the German Environmental Survey for Children (GerES IV) that is performed in co-operation with the German Health Survey for Children and Adolescents (KiGGS) conducted by the Robert Koch-Institute. In GerES IV nearly 1,800 children were examined for their exposure to environmental influences by the use of human biomonitoring, indoor monitoring and questionnaires throughout Germany.

German Environmental Survey

- GerES IV provides current data on important parameters of children's environmental health (e. g. lead in blood). Moreover, we can identify trends over time by comparing the new data with results of former surveys.

German Environmental Survey

- GerES IV provides a set of profound data on the environmental exposure of children in Germany. These representative data may support the implementation of projects in the field of environmental health. Survey results can also assist the evaluation of policy options. Therefore, the discussion will focus on how results of a representative environmental survey can provide data for the further work of NGOs.

Topics

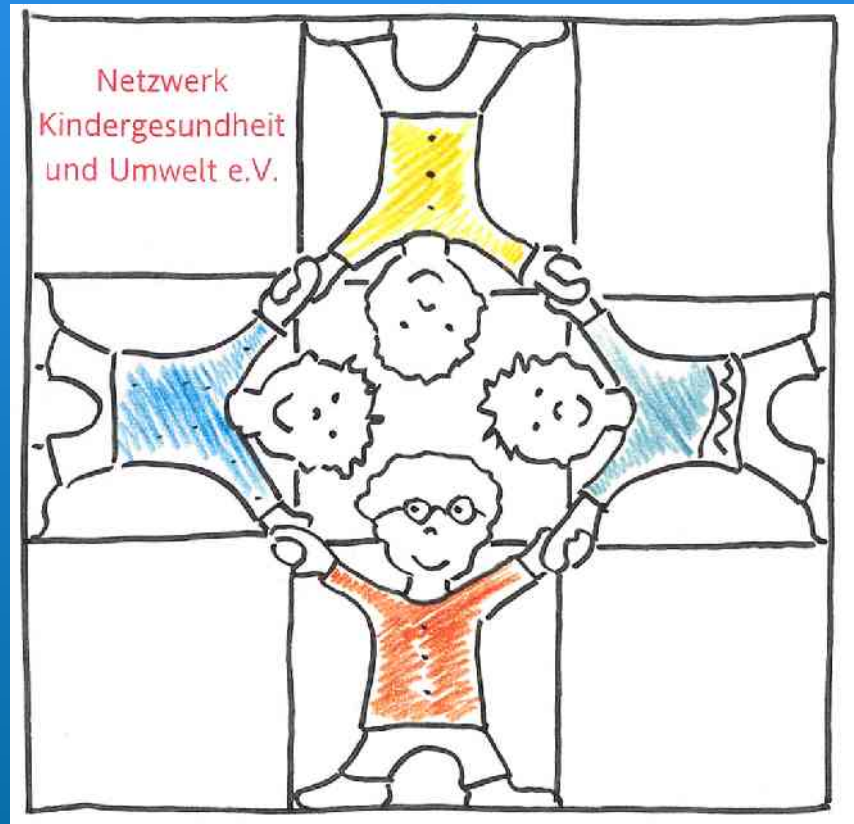
- A. Conrad (Federal Environment Agency, Germany) give a short overview of the German Environmental Survey for Children and will present first results.
- E. Petersen (Network CHE, Germany) reports on successes and failures concerning two German projects dealing with advanced training for medical assistants, paediatricians and other physicians.
- J. Hellmann (UMIT, Austria) presents evaluation results of advanced training for paediatric medical assistants and nurses during the last three years.

Discussion

- Prevention through NGOs?
- Identifying risk groups?
- A model for other countries?
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German Network

The German Network for Children's Health and Environment is an informal society of approx. 30 NGOs working in the field of children-health-environment.



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