

## Movianto supports children's tuberculosis clinic in Kolkata

**Stuttgart/Germany 11 December 2009 – Tuberculosis (Tb) is widespread in the slums of Kolkata in India; women and children are particularly affected by it. There are few options for inpatient treatment. Movianto is therefore supporting the Pushpa Celesio Children's Tb Clinic in the context of its Corporate Social Responsibility activities with a donation of 3,000 euros.**

The Children's Tb Hospital has been permanently fully occupied since it opened in 2007. In 2004, Celesio AG, Movianto's parent company, launched a partnership with 'Doctors for Developing Countries' and since then not only supports the organisation financially but also provides specialist knowledge and skills and the personal commitment of its employees. One result of this close cooperation was the Pushpa Celesio Children's Tb Clinic. Celesio and Movianto not only supported the construction of the hospital financially; they also contribute to the labour costs of the local doctors and nurses.

'My employees and I have also decided to support the project further this year. We aim to create continuity, as this offers security for the helpers and those affected by the disease' explains Thomas Kreuzberger, Managing Director of Movianto Deutschland GmbH. 'The ill children will each be treated by a specialist for six months and will be given school lessons at the same time.'

In young patients, tuberculosis occurs in almost all its manifestations: intestinal, peritoneal and pulmonary tuberculosis in varying grades of severity and skeletal and vertebral tuberculosis. The money donated by Movianto guarantees that the local doctors and nurses have a regular income. This safeguards professional care of the children.



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### **About Doctors for Developing Countries**

In 1983, Jesuit Father Bernhard Ehlen founded the Doctors for Developing Countries committee. The offices of the German organisation are based in Frankfurt am Main. The Doctors for Developing Countries committee has carried out over 3,800 missions in the so-called developing countries in the course of its existence, with the help of doctors working on a voluntary basis, without remuneration. To date, approximately 2,100 doctors have travelled to these countries in order to treat patients, vaccinate children and operate clinics. The committee has nine projects in the Philippines, in India, Bangladesh, Kenya and Nicaragua. All doctors work without remuneration. In addition to this, they also pay a contribution, amounting to at least half of the airfare. In 2006, the expenses for the nine projects with 38 doctors from Germany, seven local doctors and over 320 local nurses, medical helpers, translators, drivers and other auxiliary personnel amounted to over €3.5 million in total. [www.aerzte3welt.de](http://www.aerzte3welt.de)

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