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WORLD BANK AND THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF):

The World Bank and IMF are two of the most powerful players in the world, who, by providing aid and loans to poor countries, can dictate a country's economic policies. These policy reforms conditioned in exchange for aid force poor countries to reduce social spending in education and health system resulting in an increase in child labor. Poor countries trapped in a cycle of debt owed to the World Bank and IMF are also forced to further reduce social spending.

What YOU can do:

Inform yourself! Learn about the Global Campaign for Education and its mission to ensure that all children receive the basic human right to an education.

Campaign materials, informational reports and more are available at: www.campaignforeducation.org.

Explore "School Is the Best Place to Work" <http://www.schoolisthebestplacetowork.org> where you can learn more about the fight for universal education instead of child labor.

Write the World Bank and the IMF and demand:

- Increase support for education and health programs.
- Ensure that aid and loans are conditioned with protecting working conditions of adult workers as better conditions and higher wages for adults mean fewer children have to work.
- Provide technical assistance to countries in their implementation of national plan of action to fulfill the goal of "Education for All."
- Forgive debt which is crippling many poor countries.
- Request meetings with the World Bank and IMF officials and take field trips to their Washington office to demand a response.

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THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND: Rodrigo de Rato, Managing Director, 700, 19th St. NW, Washington, DC 20431

Questions to ask at the meetings:

1. What specific programs are they undertaking to better children's access to education in their donor countries?
2. Do they have specific laws in their procurement policies that protect children?

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