



GIRL'S DON'T FLY

by Monika Grassl



SYNOPSIS

An airstrip, a hangar and a classroom: For many girls, this is the place where dreams come true. More specifically, the single most ancient dream of mankind: The dream of flying. The AvTech Academy is the first and only aviation school for girls in Ghana. Not only do the girls learn how to operate the planes, but also how to build them. According to the praise it received resulting from vast media coverage, this flying school might be no less than a godsend for young ambitious girls, looking for a future beyond the patriarchic structures of their society. But appearances are deceiving. The school is led by a white Englishman, who, although having the best intentions, puts his ideological stamp on the girls' training. The film takes on a critical stance towards the so-called "charity-industrial complex" and, at the same time, respectfully approaches the hopes and fears of its protagonists.

FESTIVALS

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CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Monika Grassl

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FORMAL CATEGORIES

Gender, Social issues

PREMIERE

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