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Food First

The Human Right to Food from Civil Society Perspective

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2. How we work at the UN level
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4. Key challenges to the Human Right to Food
5. Why we need to be concerned about the future of food in Germany

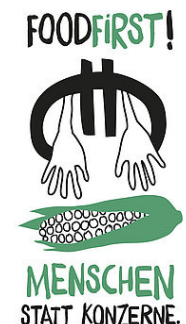


1. FIAN and the Right to Food

FIAN = FoodFirst Information & Action Network

Founded 1986 as an international Human Rights organisation for the Right to Food

www.fian.org



1. FIAN and the Right to Food

- Mandate refers to ICESCR, Art. 11
- Consultative status to the UN
- Membership-based, 19 national sections/coordinations



The right to adequate food is realized when every man, woman and child, alone or in community with others, have the physical and economic access at all times to adequate food or means for its procurement.



1. FIAN and the Right to Food

- Support organisation to social movements, close partnership with La Via Campesina
- Global Network for the Right to Food and Nutrition

World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers (WFF);

World Forum of Fisher People (WFFP);

World Alliance of Mobile and Indigenous Peoples(WAMIP);

Peoples' Health Movement (PHM)

Inter-American Platform for Human Rights, Democracy and Development (PIDHDD)

International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN)

International Union of Food Workers (IUF)

African Right to Food Network (ANoRF-RAPDA)



2. Work at the UN level

2.1. Geneva based agencies

UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)

- Parallel reporting, complaints
- General Comments

UN Human Rights Council

- Universal Periodic Review
- UN Working Groups (Peasant Rights, binding treaty on Business & HR)



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2. Work at the UN level

- UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food
 - Annual Reports
 - Urgent Appeals, Country Visits



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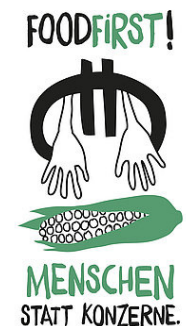
2.1. Rome based agencies (Food and Agriculture)

FAO

- Voluntary Guidelines on the Right to Food, Tenure Guidelines

UN Committee on World Food Security

- Civil Society Mechanism (CSM)
- Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition



3. Case work

Support to those whose Right to Food has been violated

- Human rights based documentation
- Access to regional / UN Human Rights bodies
- Legal support (amicus curiae)
- International advocacy and campaigning



3. Case work

3.1. Example Kaweri Coffee Plantation (Uganda)

2001 forced
eviction of
4.000 peasants

2002 court case
filed



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3. Case: Kaweri

2013 first judgement – appeal
2015 CESCRC „is particularly concerned about the case of Mubende District whose inhabitants were evicted from their homes and about the fact that so far the legal redress they could obtain did not include restitution of land rights“



and urges the state to “take immediate measures to ensure that the rights of the Mubende community are restored”

3. Case work

3.2. Example Sawhoyamaxe (Paraguay)

Paraguay: 20% *tierras malhabidas*

100 indigenous families vs German land owner



3. Case: Sawhoyamaxa

2006 Interamerican Court of Human Rights ruled that land should be handed over to Sawhoyamaxa

2011 first agreement

2013 Sawhoyamaxa occupy land

2014 contract about expropriation signed

2015 2nd constitutional appeal –
intimidation of lawyer, security fragile



4. Key challenges

4.1. Shrinking space for civil society and criminalisation of Human Rights defenders



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4. Key challenges

4.2. Corporate capture

The undue influence that corporations exert over national and international public institutions, manipulating them to act according to their priorities,

at the expense of the public interest and the integrity of the systems required to respect, protect and fulfill human rights.



5. The Right to Food in Germany

Instead of a conclusion...

Why we should be concerned about the future of food in Germany:

1. Corporate dominance in the food system (seeds worldwide 10/75%, supermarkets Germany 4/85%)
2. Land concentration
3. Rise of food banks (1,5 mio users?)



Thank you for your attention!



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