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About FIAN International

FIAN is an international human rights organization that has advocated for the realization of the right to food and nutrition since 1986.

FIAN International consists of 19 national sections and co-ordinations, as well as individual members from over 50 countries around the world. FIAN International's Secretariat is based in Heidelberg, Germany and Geneva, Switzerland.

The overall mission and strategies of FIAN International are defined and revised by the FIAN International Council, with operational affairs guided by the International Board.

FIAN International is a non-profit organization without any religious or political affiliation and has consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations.

Founded in 1986, FIAN International's vision is a world free from hunger, in which all people can fully enjoy their human rights with dignity, particularly the human right to food and nutrition, as expressed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights instruments.

FIAN International's mission is to expose the violations of people's right to food wherever they may occur. FIAN stands up against unjust and oppressive practices that prevent people from feeding themselves. The struggle against discrimination of marginalized groups, including women, peasants, and indigenous peoples, is an integral part of our mission. The organization strives to secure access to the resources people need in order to feed themselves, today and in the future.

FIAN International's work is based on human rights, as laid down in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. FIAN analyzes and documents concrete cases of violations of the right to food around the world, raising awareness among social movements, non-governmental actors and governmental bodies.

FIAN International responds to requests from affected groups whose right to food is threatened or violated and mobilizes support through protest letter campaigns, advocacy and legal recourses. FIAN exerts public pressure on governments in order to hold them accountable for violations of the right to food, following the cases closely until those affected receive the appropriate redress.

FIAN International's consultative status with the United Nations has enabled the organization to contribute to international advocacy efforts pertaining to the human rights protection system, particularly in favour of marginalized groups. FIAN has an active presence at various UN bodies in Rome and Geneva, as well as at regional human rights mechanisms.

In all these achievements and processes, FIAN International works closely with social movements and other non-governmental organizations, expanding spaces for civil society participation at all levels. ▀



➤ A Nepalese woman from a rural area affected by the 2015 earthquakes — Nepal. *Photo: FIAN Nepal*

Foreword by the President

For three decades now, FIAN International has been advocating for the realization of the human right to food and nutrition. A truly international organization of national sections, coordinations and individual members united by a common purpose, FIAN has gradually become an influential force in the battle for recognising all people's human right to a decent life. With a bottom-up approach at its core, FIAN has been supporting local struggles and getting people's voices heard for their right to daily bread.

We live in a world where more than enough nutritious food is produced to feed all adequately and more than 850 million people suffer from hunger and malnutrition. Some may attribute this fact to natural catastrophes or civil wars - unfortunately escalating in recent times - but the truth is, only a "small" percentage fall within such scope. The reality ultimately boils down to this: the need for States to fully recognize and enforce the right to food.

The increasing efforts of FIAN International and other civil society groups to address the need to comply with international Human Rights law has been noticed by public opinion, and so too by the private sector. It has been to the extent that big business has attempted to instrumentalize the human rights language and slip through public policy spaces, to meet its own for-profit purposes.

Within such a challenging context, FIAN has been working together with social movements, civil society groups and wider networks, from Asia to the Americas. Under the rationale of "unity makes strength", we have contributed to unifying scattered struggles by connecting groups affected by human rights abuses and violations. All these years have reaffirmed a vision where the fulfilment of all rights is crucial to guaranteeing quality, culturally acceptable and quantity nutritious food for all. These have also consolidated an understanding of the right to food that sees the realization of women's rights as an end in itself and as an integral component to all struggles. How can a peasant fulfil his right to food with no land? How can a woman bring up a healthy child if her work conditions impede her from breastfeeding?

Our role carries a great responsibility and we are enormously grateful for all the trust that has

been placed in us. We are certainly touched beyond words for that. The last 30 years have also been a very valuable learning process, and have built solid foundations of knowledge and partnership. With the priceless action of the grassroots, we have made great achievements from local council to the global community.

Without doubt, behind "success" one finds the commitment and coordination of inspiring people, like Flavio Valente, who has strengthened the work of the organization for almost a decade as a Secretary General. We are very grateful for his intensive work and we welcome his successor, Sofia Monsalve, who I am sure will carry on in this direction.

We are on track. But if we want to forge ahead in this daunting environment, we need to increase synergies and intensify efforts. For that, the support of the wider public at all levels is essential. We want to extend our journey to all parts of the world and amplify the voices of all those who present human rights-based alternatives, the real answers. We have the purpose and we have the will. We only need to make sure that we also have all the necessary means to keep moving forward.

So here's to another 30 years supporting the struggles for the right to food and nutrition! ▀



Anita Klum

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anita Klum".

Message from the Secretary General

If I wanted to describe 2015 in just two words, “movement-building” would probably sum it up best. For us, this year was marked by increasing solidarity, cooperation and collaboration with civil society groups and social movements to advance the realization of the right to food. Let me put it another way: there was a growing sentiment of convergence. At a time when people’s human rights are under attack by the national and international policies, activities of corporations, discrimination, patriarchy, gender-based violence and conflicts, such an approach is vital.

At the time of writing this piece, cases of this movement-building are being shaped and strengthened. The Global Network for the Right to Food and Nutrition illustrates my words, so too the intensive and ongoing work behind it. 2015 marked a new juncture for the Network, as it committed to moving towards greater convergence of many struggles and fighting the continuing assaults on people’s sovereignty collectively. We observed this in India, during the first fact finding mission of the Network on the situation of tea plantation workers, an insightful experience that FIAN International, as an active member, has certainly learnt a lot from.

The same applies for the so called Global Convergence of Land and Water Struggles. It is probably one of the most interesting nascent grassroots movements today. Several groups fighting against land and water grabbing on the ground came together in the World Social Forum 2015 to create a space of convergence of struggles, firmly anchored in human rights and built around the vision of food sovereignty. As 2015 drew to a close, the West African platform of the Convergence was building up and on the move with the preparations of a caravan that will mobilize 15 countries in the region and carry out advocacy activities. FIAN is witnessing and supporting the building of this strong movement, which advocates for the rights of the people.

The Treaty Alliance was another highlight of this year. This coalition of civil society organizations working for the adoption of a UN treaty on Transnational Corporations (TNCs) and other business enterprises with regards to human rights, has been critical in pushing for and developing the contents of such a treaty. FIAN International, as a member

of the Treaty Alliance, called for a constructive State engagement and to ensure any future treaty will focus on accountability for TNCs and access to remedy and justice for people affected. Despite intense EU efforts to derail the talks, the discussions were fruitful and enriching.

And on the eve of 2016, I see myself about to start a journey as secretary general of FIAN International following the excellent progress made with Flavio Valente, who coordinated and strengthened the work of the organization for more than eight years. Under Valente, FIAN actively contributed to unveiling the corporate influence over food and nutrition public policy spaces, to re-affirming people’s sovereignty and to shaping the new conceptual framework for the realization of the right to adequate food and nutrition.

We, with social movements and other civil society allies, will carry on in this direction and stay on the frontline of local, national and international human rights struggles. ▴



Sofia Monsalve

Sofia Monsalve

International Working Programs ↗



↗ Guarani and Kaiowá indigenous person—Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil. Photo: Alex M. del Rey / FIAN International

Fighting violations of the right to food

Great progress was made throughout 2015 on the case work front. Together with affected communities and support groups, FIAN International kept fighting human rights violations by urging local, national and international authorities to comply with their obligations and by leading major awareness raising initiatives. Intense efforts around the world had positive outcomes and built the foundations for future success on behalf of human rights.

Since mining business severely hit Essakane, Burkina Faso, in 1984, families from 13 villages had to relocate and have been facing the violations of their human rights. Following a tripartite meeting with representatives of the communities, a Canadian mining company and national authorities in October 2013, visits to the ground and reporting have been systematically carried out. This year, further data to report on the status of affected communities in the region was collected and shared with the Ministry of Mining and Human Rights in Burkina Faso. Parallel to these developments, FIAN International has also advanced work before the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR), by submitting a parallel report and contributing to a declaration during the pre-session.

Similar progress was made around Mubende, a long-lasting case that has persisted in Uganda, where an oral statement was presented to the CESCR and a parallel event was held. Violently evicted from their land, around 4.000 people are still waiting for redress and suffering collateral consequences, despite the High Court ruling in favor of the affected communities in 2013, after 11 years of legal process. The lawyer of the evictees has requested the Court of Appeal to go for retrial.

In Asia, FIAN International continued its involvement in helping fight human rights violations. While 260 farmers from Hacienda Matias, in the Philippines, received land titles (covering 639 hectares of the entire hacienda) by the end of 2014, many of them were not formally installed in their land. Conversely, harassments by the land owner persisted, and farmers faced difficulties in bringing their products to the town's market. Between April and June 2015, the farmer beneficiaries camped out twice for over one month in front of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Head Office to demand for access to their rightful land. As a consequence, a steel gate built in 2005 to prevent the farmers' entrance, was successfully dismantled

and removed by the DAR in July. The persistent engagement of the farmer beneficiaries who fought for their right to this land over 10 years was the driving force behind the success, together with the support of a number of organizations. Yet, this is only a first step, as over 200 farmer beneficiaries are still waiting to receive their land titles, crucial for the realization of their right to food.

In Nepal, FIAN's work revolved around the Laxmanpur dam, a human-made infrastructure that aggravates flooding of the river Rapti and obstructs its natural flow, thereby harming thousands in the surrounding areas. The signatures collected during a worldwide urgent action in April were submitted to Nepal's Prime minister. Further actions included district and national level interactions with concerned authorities in Nepal, as well as the submission of a memorandum of affected communities. FIAN Nepal and FIAN India will continue to follow up the case and collaborate closely to gather documentation and carry out advocacy.

There have been positive developments in Araku Valley, India. For a long time, many Adivasis (indigenous peoples) have suffered from hunger, malnutrition and have experienced water borne diseases, as a result of the non-implementation of the employment guarantee social security schemes, lack of access to drinking water and land, amongst others. With the support of FIAN on the case, the last year has seen progress on the areas of drinking water and employment, bringing about a sense of hope to affected villagers.

In Latin America, the case of the indigenous Guarani and Kaiowá of Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil, has been on the move. More than 30,000 indigenous peoples in the region have been living in poverty and with no access to their ancestral lands for decades, particularly since the spread of soy and sugarcane monocultures in the seventies. Following the attack against the Guarani-Kaiowá Ñande Ru Marangatú community, which led to

the murder of one of its members, Semião Vilhalva (24), and wounded several others, FIAN International and FIAN Brazil asked the Brazilian government to conduct investigations into the attack and take due action. This followed other actions, such as the release of open statements, within the framework of the 5th Dialogue on Human Rights between the EU and Brazil, as well as the Guarani and Kaiowá-led tour across Europe, which targeted political venues such as Brussels and Geneva. Together with key allies, FIAN has finalized a diagnosis of the damages caused to three specific communities towards filing an international legal suit before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. The group has been involved with the final touches for the international law suit drafting, planned to take place in 2016.

Work around Honduras was also a highlight throughout 2015. The Bajo Aguán region was visited by FIAN International and addressed in lobby work, conducted within the framework of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the country. Especially after the coup d'état in June 2009, several peasant communities living in the

Bajo Aguán Valley on the Atlantic coast of Honduras witnessed an alarming situation of violence, repression and killings. A considerable amount of international media work was carried out as well as some other activities, including a European tour by a Honduran delegation, closely supported by FIAN International and various FIAN European sections. The situation in the Bajo Aguán region was also addressed in written and oral submissions by FIAN International and FIAN Honduras to the pre-session of the (CESCR). FIAN Honduras has followed the Bajo Aguán case closely over the course of the year and conducted regular activities in the region, including capacity-building on human rights and support for the establishment of a community radio.

Moving to Guatemala, the report of the Fact Finding Mission (FFM) conducted in late 2014, was launched in a public presentation in the country. This included testimonies on the situation of the municipality of Camotán, where the situation of undernutrition of children has become an endemic problem. Together with the *Campaña Guatemala Sin Hambre* and *Asociación Nuevo Día*, further



➤ Farmers at Hacienda Matias — Philippines. Photo: Astrud Lea Beringer / FIAN Philippines

activities have been conducted to disseminate the report and reach relevant institutions across Europe and Guatemala.

In Europe the collective campaign ‘Hands on the Land for Food Sovereignty’ kicked off. Its 16 partners from across the continent, including peasants and social movements, development and environmental NGOs, human rights organizations and research activists, led key activities to engage a wider audience to take action for food sovereignty. Activities throughout 2015 included participation and activism at the alternative Expo dei Popoli, COP21 in Paris, as well as the publication of ‘Investing for Development?’, which examines the impacts of the EU’s investment regime on food security, the right to food and land governance. ▲



↗ Presentation of 'Hands on the Land' in the alternative Expo dei Popoli — Milan, Italy. Photo: Alex. M del Rey / FIAN International

Access to and control over natural resources

The access to and control over land and other natural resources is crucial for the full realization of the right to food and nutrition. With the growing wave of resource grabbing in recent years, the food sovereignty of communities around the world is being increasingly threatened. Backing local struggles and contributing to advocacy initiatives within public policy spheres is essential to counter such trends.

Intervening on behalf of Malian and Ethiopian human rights defenders, who were criminalized and detained for defending their right to land, FIAN International supported advocacy efforts before the European Union, the World Bank and Germany's national government, to ensure their protection. Currently, FIAN is monitoring the German development aid policy, and particularly targeting initiatives related to land and investments in agriculture in Ethiopia, Zambia, Cambodia and Brazil.

By the same token, FIAN continued to support the land struggles of affected groups, including the communities of Essakane (Burkina Faso), Mubende (Uganda) and Bajo Aguán (Honduras). It addressed written submissions and oral statements to different bodies within the UN human rights system, such as the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) and the Human Rights Council (HRC). Field visits were also carried out throughout the year: in Asia alone, FIAN International paid a visit to Hacienda Matias and Hacienda Luisita (Philippines) as well as to Kusum Tola (India) to track the latest developments of these emblematic cases. Findings on the access to and control over natural resources in Guatemala were also featured in the report on the Third International Mission on the Right to Adequate Food and the Situation of Human Rights Defenders in the country.

As in previous years, FIAN incorporated the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGT) in its case work. The Guidelines are used by FIAN International and increasingly by FIAN sections as a reference for human rights analysis in case work and policy studies, as well as in the setup of advocacy strategies and tools. With the support of FIAN Colombia and Ecuador, the International Secretariat developed a tool to monitor governance of land, fisheries and forests based on the VGGT. This was built on the basis of a previous tool to monitor the implementation of the Right to Food Guidelines.

Coordinated work continued with social movements, mainly in the framework of the working group on land and territory of the Inter-

national Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC). Within this context, FIAN conducted capacity-building activities in Colombia, Panama, Niger, Senegal, South Africa, Malawi, Myanmar and Nepal using the People's Manual on the Tenure Guidelines and developing a learning curriculum, which has been extremely well received. Moreover, FIAN Ecuador contributed to a project of the Latin American Alliance for Food Sovereignty to monitor governance of tenure in four Latin American countries, namely, Panama, Colombia, Paraguay and Peru.

Moving to Africa, FIAN held a seminar in the Ugandan capital, Kampala, to kick-off a research project about bottom-up accountability strategies against land grabbing in four African countries: Uganda, Mali, South Africa and Nigeria. It is also supporting partners in the continent in applying the Tenure Guidelines in both research and advocacy strategies.

Beside this, FIAN backed the Global Convergence for Land and Water Struggles, an initiative led by social and grassroots movements, which was launched during the World Social Forum in Tunis, in March. The Convergence organized another meeting during the Paris Climate Conference (COP 21) in Paris in December to discuss issues of land and water in the context of climate destruction. The Convergence has requested FIAN to support them in establishing an alert system to respond to emergency situations of human rights defenders. With its strong presence in West Africa, FIAN contributed to organizing a sub-regional conference in Mali in June and a caravan tour across 15 countries in the region, to be held in March 2016.

FIAN maintained its engagement in the process towards a UN Declaration on the rights of peasants and other people living in rural areas at the HCR. During the second session of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Working Group (OEI-WG) on the issue, its chair presented a new draft declaration, which was generally well received by La Via Campesina (LVC), FIAN International and allies, as well as by several governments. Some other governments, however, posed objections to key articles of the declaration. Discussions during this second session showed that there is a need to reinforce the defense of crucial elements of

the new draft by elaborating more precise legal and technical arguments on several accounts. FIAN International together with FIAN Belgium prepared a series of briefings on key articles of the declaration, intended to provide solid arguments as a subsidiary input for the advocacy work.

As every year in October, FIAN actively participated in the discussions of the CFS in the cradle of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). Amongst other areas, the organization followed up and contributed to the process towards a CFS decision on Water for Food Security and Nutrition. Important provisions regarding the correlation between the human right to water and the human right to food were included in the final decision, signaling an important improvement for global public policy.



↗ Hundreds of women gather in the streets to demand further access to natural resources —Dakar, Senegal. Photo: Geoff Arbourne

Income, Nutrition and Related Policies

With the influence of corporations over governance spaces growing in the undercurrents, a cross-movement dialogue and analysis on existing food and nutrition policies are essential to monitor this area. The promotion of gender equality and women's rights, as part of a holistic understanding of the right to food and nutrition, remains a core issue in any advocacy endeavor.

Documentation of violations of the right to food and nutrition related to gender discrimination, violence against women and malnutrition of children was completed for the cases of Essakane and the Guarani and Kaiowá. For Essakane, a methodology was developed to work on the links between women and children's rights and the right to food and nutrition in situations of displacement. The results, which were published in March in a report, served to prepare a written and oral statement for the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) pre-session working group for Burkina Faso. Furthermore, the report was key for a major campaign by Fastenopfer aimed at creating a national law to hold Swiss companies accountable for conducts that impair the enjoyment of human rights abroad.

A third case on tea plantation workers in Assam and West Bengal in India was also documented by close partners and members of the Global Network for the Right to Food and Nutrition (GNRtFN) in a Fact-Finding Mission (FFM) in November-December. The outcomes of the FFM are to be released in 2016 and will be linked to International Women's Rights Day, as women comprise 70% of this workforce, as well as International Workers' Day.

In addition to the FFM, FIAN International continues its conceptual work on workers' rights and the right to food through its engagement with the International Union of Food Workers (IUF) and other partners. The content of the two papers jointly drafted with IUF and published in 2014 (rights-based analysis of working conditions of agricultural women workers and plantation workers) was presented by the prominent Indian union leader, Anuradha Talwar, who visited FIAN's International Secretariat and facilitated a discussion on the right to food and nutrition of plantation workers with IS staff.

The book, entitled "Gender, Nutrition and the Human Right to Adequate Food: towards a comprehensive framework", and edited by FIAN in partnership with the Hohenheim and Syracuse Universities was published in 2015. It includes a chapter produced by FIAN, "Closing protection gaps through a more comprehensive conceptual framework for the human right to adequate food and nutrition", which describes FIAN's holistic understanding of the right to food and nutrition, reincorporating nutrition and women's rights into the concept and reinterpreting it within the peoples' sovereignty framework.

In line with linking struggles under a more holistic understanding of the right to food and nutrition, FIAN came together with members of the GNRtFN in Kathmandu in July 2015 to discuss the challenges facing the various constituencies and calling for greater convergence – with a widely endorsed statement being issued and a draft set of priorities identified. Similarly, together with social movements and civil society, FIAN was responsible for editing the Nyéléni Newsletter in June 2015, which focused on nutrition and food sovereignty.

FIAN also continued to strongly support the coordination of the global coalition of food and nutrition CSOs, including members of the GNRtFN, as a follow-up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2). The aim was to elaborate a post-ICN2 plan with a focus on preventing the corporate capture of nutrition governance mechanisms. FIAN supported the coordination of CSOs around the issue of nutrition during the Civil Society Mechanism Forum (CSM) and the Committee on World Food Security (CFS).

In partnership with FIAN Germany, FIAN International completed an initial mapping of related G8 New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition in Africa (G8NA) activities with the purpose of informing FIAN's broader strategy around the G8NA. On this note, FIAN International attended a European CSO meeting in Brussels in February to discuss a preliminary strategy towards a critical analysis of the G8NA (which includes the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) and investments on land) to further anchor the internal strategy in broader CSO efforts. FIAN also participated in a workshop organized by Bread for the World during the World Social Forum in Tunis. The participants of the workshop discussed concrete cases and voiced their interest to work together to analyze more closely the impact of G8NA at the national level. ▀



↗ Women's gathering — Burkina Faso.. *Photo: Denise Cordova / FIAN International*



↗ A female tea plucker in one of the tea plantations in Darjeeling — West Bengal, India. *Photo: Alex M. del Rey / FIAN International*



➤ Members and supporters of the Treaty Alliance in a demonstration — Geneva, Switzerland. *Photo: Alex del Rey /FIAN International*



➤ Social movements and civil society groups speaking at the 42nd session of the Committee on World Food Security — Rome, Italy. *Photo: FAO*

Strengthening accountability for the right to food

Monitoring and denouncing violations of the right to food, complemented by participating in policy processes at all levels, is core for strengthening accountability and justiciability. First and foremost, it brings the voices and demands of those affected to the public sphere, ensuring policies are human rights based.

FIAN International continued to strengthen the Global Network for the Right to Food and Nutrition by facilitating the adoption of a strategic work plan towards human rights based food systems. The Network's annual meeting, held in July in Kathmandu, offered a space to discuss current challenges and culminated with a public declaration calling for greater convergence.

The organization also facilitated the publication of "People's Nutrition Is Not a Business", the 2015 Right to Food and Nutrition Watch, by coordinating and ensuring that social movements and right to food experts and practitioners find a space for visibility. The Watch compiled articles analyzing global challenges vis-a-vis the impact of the corporate sector on the realization of the right to food and nutrition, as well as the role and obligations of States to protect this right. The publication also touched upon other ongoing issues in the area.

FIAN maintained its work advocating for the ratification of the Optional Protocol (OP) to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR). It contributed to the work of the OP Coalition and supporting activities of partners and sections in diverse countries, as well as communicating with UN authorities involved in the process.

In order to obtain the necessary recommendations from the UN to strengthen the accountability work of our national partners, a parallel report on Uganda was presented to the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR), whilst advocacy activities were carried out. In preparation for the reporting session for 2017, FIAN contributed to the list of issues of the CESCR on Sweden, Honduras, Burkina Faso and France. For the first time a submission on the Right to Food in France was addressed to the Committee on the Rights of the Child in cooperation with the International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN). The report and advocacy activities towards greater accountability were also relevant, within the framework of the Universal Periodic Reviews (UPR) of Honduras and Nepal.

The Extraterritorial Obligations (ETOs) of States are an indispensable element for accountability of human rights in a globalized world. In this context, FIAN, as secretariat of the ETO Consortium, continued coordinating core advocacy and communication activities. In order to ensure that ETOs are

mainstreamed across different policy areas, FIAN has closely followed and participated in a host of debates and dialogues with treaty-maker bodies, special procedures, UN sessions and side events of the Human Rights Council (HRC). Over the first semester of 2015, FIAN actively participated in the work of the Treaty Alliance, bringing the ETOs perspective into the discussions of civil society groups. It also actively took part in the first session of the Intergovernmental Working Group towards a Treaty on Transnational Corporations and other Business Enterprises with regard to Human Rights, with a common written statement representing hundreds of organizations and individuals worldwide through various oral interventions. FIAN has also been an active partner in the facilitation group of the Treaty Alliance and contributed to diverse capacity building and information meetings in Geneva and in other countries.

In Rome, the human rights organization continued work in the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) and towards the implementation standards at national level. A manual of the Global Strategic Framework (GSF) was disseminated to partners involved in the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2). FIAN collaborated with civil society in preparation of an approved decision box providing key recommendations such as the inclusion of the "human-rights based approach". The organization also actively contributed to the content and strategy work of the Civil Society Mechanism's working group for the monitoring of the implementation of CFS's standards.

Meanwhile, FIAN International has maintained its work on the justiciability of the right to food. These activities include a seminar in Colombia with victims of diverse cases of human rights violations and their lawyers, as well as political and legal support for the follow-up of the implementation of four judicial decisions on undernutrition in the Camotán case in Guatemala. By the same token, FIAN also took part in a seminar on justiciability, in August, by La Via Campesina in Brasil, with community's lawyering.

Also in the field of accountability, FIAN supported diverse human rights defenders, who suffer from being criminalized, as a result of pressuring governments and following pertinent UN special procedures. ▀



➤ Woman at the local market—Ecuador. *Photo: Ana María Suárez/ FIAN International*



➤ A woman and a child from living in rural areas —Nepal. *Photo: FIAN Nepal*



➤ Peter Kayiira, leader of a community group affected by land-grabbing—Mubende, Uganda.. *Photo: FIAN International*

Worldwide FIAN at the National Level ↗



↗ Woman plantation worker taking some tea — Doars, India. Photo: Kai Horstmann

Africa

Burkina Faso

FIAN Burkina Faso continued its work on Essakane and carried out two field visits. The first, which took place in late March, was aimed at evaluating the situation of local communities and organizing a training with community members on the right to food and nutrition. The second visit took place in late July and its objective was to follow up on the case. As part of this purpose, the section conducted focus group discussions and interviews with women on the impact of mining on women's and their families.

FIAN Burkina Faso organized a training seminar in Ouagadougou on the fundamental principles of human rights and the right to food and nutrition in early June. With 19 civil society organizations attending, the Essakane case was presented. In the policy sphere, FIAN Burkina Faso participated in the reviewing process of the Mining Code and contributed to the drafting of its articles 19 and 20, which refer specifically to human rights. In December, FIAN Burkina Faso visited the Kounkoufouanou community, which has been forcibly expelled from their land by national security forces. FIAN's section also submitted a parallel report to the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) in June 2016. Together with FIAN International, FIAN Burkina Faso published a report entitled "Women's Perspectives on the impact of mining on the right to food", which is acting as a reference for Swiss NGOs to support a popular initiative demanding the approval of a law holding Swiss transnational corporations (TNCs) accountable for their activities abroad. ▴

Zambia

FIAN Zambia carried out several activities around the Mimbolo community, such as the facilitation of a documentary film on the community's land displacement, meetings between the Mimbolo, Kalukwiso and Kasambamanyambi communities and authorities. Westdeutscher Rundfunk (WDR) looked into the large-scale land based investments vis-a-vis local people's access to land and their right to food. Specifically, the documentary was made on the displaced Lamba speaking people of Mimbolo Community in Mpongwe District. This community, which consists of 53 families, amounting to 600 people, has been facing an ongoing struggle to reclaim the land that was taken away by an agribusiness company in 2011. On this note, FIAN Zambia had meetings with the Mimbolo, Kalukwiso and Kasambamanyambi communities in which 3,000 people participated including gov-

ernment and local authorities. FIAN Zambia has participated in district and provincial land policy consultative meetings to ensure the right to food clause is enshrined in Zambia's land policy, currently under review. In parallel, FIAN Zambia has paid an exchange visit to Europe, whereby it had the opportunity to meet and exchange views with FIAN offices across Europe. ▴



↗ Woman working at plantation — Burkina Faso.
Photo: FIAN International

Asia

India

FIAN's work in India is carried out through its chapters, located in different states across the region.

FIAN Delhi continued its work on the violations of the right to food and nutrition of migrant workers in Sanjay Colony, a slum located in Delhi. The section conducted several capacity-building workshops (e.g. awareness-raising and how to claim their rights using the National Food Security Act) and regular community meetings and visits. Furthermore, FIAN Delhi intensively engaged with policy makers and called for special measures to ensure migrant workers' right to food and nutrition. In May, FIAN Delhi representatives held a meeting with Mr. Gopal Rai, Minister of Labor, where the situation of migrant workers, particularly women workers, as well as the lack of an adequate monitoring system and of female inspectors was discussed.

Several joint events with the participation of all FIAN India chapters were organized by FIAN India's National Office throughout 2015. An advocacy training in August was held with the aim to further enable FIAN India chapters in the creation and use of advocacy tools and strategies. In November, a national consultation on the issue of India's agricultural crisis and farmers' suicide was organized in collaboration with FIAN Maharashtra in Mumbai. This event served as a platform for FIAN India chapters, as well as other participating representatives from the government and CSOs, to have a common understanding of the gravity of the crisis and to raise awareness of the urgent need for collective solutions. In addition to issuing some recommendations to the 58th session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), an alliance of civil society and community-based organizations on the issue was created.

FIAN Rajasthan's work revolved around the right to food and nutrition of mineworkers. On International Women's Day, FIAN Rajasthan together with the local NGO GRAVIS and the Village Development Committee organized a rally on this issue. The rally was then complemented by a workshop where 233 women participated, and which was facilitated by the social activist and high court senior advocate Ms. Shakuntala Mehta. On the occasion of World Food Day, FIAN Rajasthan also organized a State level workshop on the right to food of migrant mine workers. The workshop served as a common platform for 88 participants

to discuss the issue and identify relevant actors for improving the lives of migrant mine workers and for guaranteeing this fundamental right.

FIAN Uttar Pradesh organized a State level capacity building workshop on the right to food and nutrition in August, attended by 150 participants. The objective of the workshop was to present social security schemes from the right to food perspective, such as Integrated Child Development Schemes (ICDS) and the National Food Security Act (NFSA). Regional cooperation within the section was further enhanced through the co-operation of FIAN UP and FIAN Nepal in Lakshmanpur case work.

FIAN India's newly established chapter FIAN Telangana is documenting a case of 25 farmers' suicides in Medak District, as well as monitoring the State's action (payment of compensation) in holding the State Government of Telangana accountable for its human rights obligation.

Last but not least, a major success was achieved in the case of Araku Valley which has been supported by FIAN Andhra Pradesh. In a context where many local inhabitants have been suffering the lack of access to drinking water, the section's advocacy efforts have led to the installation of a water pipeline and the construction of a check dam, amongst other case achievements. ▀

Nepal

The earthquakes in April and May shocked the whole nation taking more than 8,500 lives, injuring more than 23,000 individuals, and displacing and forcing millions to live without shelter, food and safe drinking water during rainy season. This situation led to hunger, food shortages, malnutrition, price hikes, black market practices, social problems, amongst others. In parallel, the draft for a constitution was promulgated in September with a new hope. Unfortunately, Terai Madhesi parties voiced criticism demanding the amendment of the constitution and blocked major entry points across the Nepal-India border. This severely impacted imports of essential goods such as fuel, cooking gas, lifesaving drugs and food, which accentuated the humanitarian crisis in Nepal. Amid this socio-political turmoil, FIAN Nepal carried out its activities and monitored peoples' human right to adequate food. FIAN Nepal closely monitored the rescue, relief and rehabilitation process by the government, as well as the international community and provided recommendations to ensure people's right to food was realized in the aftermath of the earthquakes. A joint meeting between FIAN Nepal, FIAN India and

FIAN UP was held in Lucknow to discuss an effective advocacy strategy on Indo-Nepal border issues and to exert pressure on both governments. As part of its international agenda, FIAN Nepal’s Chairperson Dr. Sarba Raj Khadka met German parliamentarians as well as foreign ministry officials during his visit in July and September to Europe, where he also took the opportunity to participate in the Treaty Alliance meeting in Geneva and Universal Periodic Review (UPR) pre-session. ▴

Philippines

FIAN Philippines continued campaigning and advocating for the passage of the Right to Adequate Food Framework Bill, more commonly known as the ‘Zero Hunger Bill’. The law will finally guarantee the legal right and recognition of people’s right to adequate food in the country. The highlight of 2015 was the campaign of FIAN Philippines with the National Food Coalition (NFC), which resulted in positive and favorable actions being taken by the Philippine Congress – the Senate and the House of Representatives. National Food Coalition Convenor and FIAN Philippines President Aurea M. Teves re-

sponded to the queries on the Zero Hunger Bill at a Congress hearing in the House of Representatives in September. The Senate Committee on Justice and Human Rights and the Committee on Finance, in its Committee Report No. 250, jointly approved the Zero Hunger bill without revision, while the House Committee on Human Rights approved the bill with amendments.

Parallel to these developments, a series of seminars were held in different provinces across country and a study tour to Brazil was conducted for pre-selected Philippine legislators to learn from the experiences of the Brazil government on the right to food implementation. Networking efforts with different sectors to expand support for the Zero Hunger Bill were made, so too advocacy and campaign materials, as well as media work.

FIAN Philippines was also highly involved in case work, particularly in Hacienda Matias. In July, Matias tenant-farmers were finally installed in their land. The steel gate that was put up by the landlords in 2005 to prevent the entrance of the farmers was finally removed. The removal of the gate was a huge triumph for the Matias farmers as they can now freely and peacefully harvest their coconuts.



↗ A farmer Hacienda Luisita—Hacienda Luisita, Philippines. Photo: Astrud Lea Beringer / FIAN Philippines

Throughout the year, FIAN Philippines continued monitoring the situation of the farmers of Hacienda Luisita on the ground, which remained critical. In 2016, the section will pay another visit and discuss with the farmers and support group on concrete further steps. ▴



➤ Public demonstration against land grabbing — Brussels, Belgium.
Photo FIAN Belgium

Europe

Austria

As a part of FIAN Austria's advocacy activities, a score of restaurants in Vienna, Graz and Linz supported the right to food by serving tailor-made FIAN-meals, such as veggie-burgers or pumpkin-soup. In this context, the restaurants raised awareness among their guests of various forms of discrimination against peasant farmers around the globe and helped generate public support for a declaration on the rights of peasants in Geneva. The documentary film festival for the right to food Hunger.Power.Profit celebrated its 7th edition. With 2,000 participants in 18 different venues across Austria, it has been considered the most successful edition to date. FIAN Austria collaborated with the making and screening of the documentary Landraub – Land Grabbing. The film's main storylines focus on cases FIAN follows closely, such as landgrabs for sugar production in Cambodia fueled by European trade preferences, Austrian companies grabbing land in rural Romania, thereby pushing peasants from their livelihoods, and the ethanol production in Makeni in Sierra Leone, heavily supported by European Finance Institutions. With FIAN Austria being particularly involved in the case of Sierra Leone, some partners of the country visited Vienna and met with the Austrian Development Bank to advocate for human rights complaint funding structures and highlighted the situation of the affected communities in the country. FIAN Austria has worked intensively to professionalize its case work, to ultimately strengthen FIAN's core objective to support communities in their struggle for the right to food. ▴

Belgium

FIAN Belgium launched a national campaign for the Rights of Peasants to push the Belgian government to engage constructively in the negotiation process at UN level. Campaign activities included a European workshop in Geneva for EU delegations, a video clip, several publications and lobby activities. FIAN Belgium also coordinated a report on the right to adequate food in Belgium in the context of Belgium's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) before the Human Rights Council (HRC). This process was a great opportunity to reinforce synergies with peasants' movements, transition networks, food banks federations, and other CSOs. Regarding casework, FIAN Belgium had the opportunity to welcome delegations from the Guarani and Kaiowá in Brazil, as well as from Zambia and Mubende, who could elaborate on the

violations their communities are facing before policy makers and the general public. FIAN Belgium staff and activists led a large amount of mobilization activities to raise awareness about right to food violations all over the world. Some examples include the public demonstration against land grabbing by the World Bank; a big mobilization for the International Day of Peasants' Struggles; a summer camp for activists; and a mass mobilization for COP21 in Paris. ▲

France

2014 was an important year for FIAN France. Several activities reported a number of advocacy initiatives led by French, regional and international networks concerning access to land and natural resources. A delegation of Colombian farmers visited Grenoble to discuss the elaboration of a Declaration on the rights of peasants and people living in rural areas and the problems with patented seed technologies. FIAN France celebrated the International Day of Peasants' Struggles with a gardening activity, screened the movie "The Dark Side of Green", and contributed to a debate on the Transatlantic Free Trade Agreement (TAFTA), focusing their intervention on patented seed technologies.

FIAN France participated in several conferences, seminars and events. Examples included the AT-TAC's (Association for the Taxation of Financial Transactions and for Citizens' Action) conference, the seminar "Linking social struggles" in Geneva, and local awareness-raising events, like the *Semaine de la Solidarité Internationale* (Week for International Solidarity) and the film festival *Alimenterre*.

Lobby and advocacy efforts concentrated on TAFTA's impacts regarding deregulation of the European seed market and the massive introduction of genetically-modified organisms. In addition, FIAN France contributed towards the drafting of a parallel report to the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for its periodic review of France. ▲

Germany

2015 was an important year for human rights mobilization in Germany. With Germany hosting the G-7 Summit in June and the negotiation process for some European trade agreements with the US and Canada – TTIP and CETA – happening throughout the year, several protests took place across the country. Under the slogan "FoodFirst! People instead of corporations", FIAN Germany participated in these mobilizations and was one of the organizers of the 'International Summit of Alternatives in Munich'. FIAN Germany organized a wide range of events



↗ Demonstration against G7 policies — Munich, Germany.
Photo: FIAN Germany

with FIAN representatives and partners from Cambodia, Colombia, Ecuador, Uganda and Zambia. In every case, the specific role of German politics in reinforcing the corporate agenda and thereby undermining the human right to food was highlighted. In addition, the German section supported human rights initiatives around Ethiopia, Nepal and Paraguay. FIAN Germany was also involved in activities with the European members of the ETO Consortium, the Treaty Alliance and carried out advocacy to back the UN Peasants' Rights Declaration. ▲

Netherlands

FIAN Netherlands was involved in a wide range of activities to raise awareness on right to food and to promote the transition towards alternative food systems. As in 2014, the section organized the 'Hungry for Justice film & debate series' across the country, which revolved around themes like land grabbing and agroecology. FIAN co-organized the 4-day Food4All festival, which has become a critical voice in the agricultural knowledge hub of the municipality of Wageningen. Some other educational and awareness raising activities included a number of lectures on the right to food at universities, an event on the human rights situation in Bajo Aguán – counting on the participation of FIAN Honduras, and an intensive training weekend on food sovereignty in a small organic family farm. FIAN Netherlands continued its advocacy efforts to implement the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) Tenure Guidelines into

Dutch foreign policy by taking part in a land governance dialogue and other meetings with civil society. The Dutch section has also been involved in a series of activities within the European-wide campaign 'Hands on the Land', by taking the lead in developing its website www.handsontheland.net and attending key events like the UN climate summit in Paris, in December. ▲

Norway

2015 was the second year of FIAN Norway's project collaboration with FIAN Nepal and FIAN India on the project 'The Right to Food in India and Nepal'. The section obtained good results in many of the cases involved, both in terms of the concrete livelihoods of people and in the empowerment of target groups. FIAN Norway also contributed to the awareness-raising of Norwegian students, scholars and NGOs on farmers' suicides in India and the socio-economic context behind it. FIAN Norway's communications and advocacy work focused on Extraterritorial Obligations (ETOs) and the Business and Human Rights (BHR). Engaging in the Norwegian Food, Human Rights and Corporations Network, the section contributed to a seminar on marketing of unhealthy diets and successfully launched the 'Right to Food and Nutrition Watch 2015' with former FIAN International Secretary General, Flavio Valente, as keynote

speaker. FIAN Norway was also present at the 2015 UN Forum for BHR, where it promoted the binding treaty amongst other NGOs. For the third consecutive year, World Food Day was celebrated at Mat-Beat, an event that gathers concerts, speeches, artwork and impro theatre, and whose theme for 2015 was the International Year of the Soil. With some 300 people attending, the Norwegian section had the opportunity to distribute its annual magazine "Hungry for Justice". FIAN Norway proudly attended the ceremony awarding the title of Commander of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit to Professor Emerita Wenche Barth Eide for her contribution to the development of the right to food as a human right. Barth Eide has worked persistently to ensure the right to food is on the international agenda and collaborated with FIAN for years. ▲

Sweden

FIAN Sweden focused on land grabbing, organizing ten seminars and workshops on the issue. An article of debate was published on www.bistandsdebatten.se and the podcast "Land grabbing in the name of development" was widely disseminated. A main objective was to inform about the Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests and push for their



➤ Presentation of the right to Food and Nutrition Watch 2016 at the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights — Norway.
Photo: FIAN Norway

full implementation. FIAN Sweden has supported the development of the treaty to address human rights abuses committed by TNCs. It has done so by advocating for the Swedish government to actively take part in the UN Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG) in the first session in Geneva in July. FIAN Sweden was present in the session and published an article of it on the issue of the magazine “Veckans Affärer”. In September, the Indian chapter FIAN Andhra Pradesh paid a visit to Sweden to raise awareness over the situation of the indigenous group Yanadis and the wave of farmers’ suicides in India. After several years of advocacy work highlighting cases of violations of human rights where Swedish Pension Funds have investments, the government finally released a new proposal for a framework law for the funds. The proposal was a positive step, as it includes sustainable investments as mandatory by law. Criticism and lobby work by business and unions, however, led to the withdrawal of the proposal. Advocacy work will continue to bring the proposal back to the table. In the meantime, FIAN Sweden presented a list of issues for the UN CESCR on Sweden’s ETOs in relation to the pension funds’ investments. Sweden will be reviewed by the committee in June 2016. ▲

Switzerland

FIAN Switzerland promoted the upcoming UN treaty on transnational corporations and human rights in Switzerland by interacting with foreign affairs government authorities, including the foreign minister. The Swiss section also followed up the first session of the UN IGWG in Geneva, and published a briefing note on the treaty project and a report on the first session. In collaboration with the University of Basel, students developed a paper on the institutionalization of human rights impact assessments (HRIAs) in Switzerland and a second study on the situation of the human right to food in Basel. FIAN Switzerland celebrated its 20th anniversary with a conference at the University of Geneva, with the former UN Special Rapporteur on the right to food, Olivier De Schutter, speaking on the coherence of public policies at the service of the right to food. As a member of the Swiss Coalition for Corporate Justice, FIAN Switzerland supported the popular initiative for responsible business. This aims to enact binding human rights due diligence for transnational companies and ensure that people suffering human rights violations abroad obtain redress in their countries of origin. The local group of Zurich prepared a parliamentary question on the city’s financial involvement in land grabbing. ▲

Latin America

Brazil

FIAN Brazil has been coordinating the preparation of a petition to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), which will be submitted in 2016, and supported the participation of Guarani and Kaiowá leaders at a hearing held in October at the headquarters of the IACHR. The Brazilian section of FIAN reported on the violations of human rights suffered by the Guarani and Kaiowá communities to the Presidency of the Republic, the National Congress and the Federal Supreme Court. Together with FIAN International, FIAN Brazil supported the drafting of the study entitled “The Guarani and Kaiowá Peoples’ Human Right to Adequate Food and Nutrition: A Holistic Approach”. This work was carried out from a human rights perspective, aiming to denounce human rights violations and support actions that more effectively enforce them. The executive summary will be published in Portuguese and English in early 2016. In parallel, FIAN Brazil conducted a special meeting with the European Parliament Committee established to monitor the relations between the European Union and Brazil. During this meeting, a representative of FIAN reported on the situation and the main causes of human rights violations that particularly affect individuals, peoples and groups living in vulnerable circumstances in Brazil. The Indigenous Missionary Council (CIMI) (*Conselho Indigenista Missionário*), Caritas and other human rights institutions also participated. As for the Brejo dos Crioulos’ case, FIAN Brazil continued to conduct training and joint activities with leaders and partners movements. The securitization process of the community’s territory is already at an advanced stage – 80% of the land has already been regulated – allowing the community to produce their own food again. It is also worth mentioning the participation of FIAN Brazil in the National Council for Food and Nutritional Security. Within the Council, FIAN Brazil has brought up issues related to the human right to food and nutrition, as well as advising on monitored cases by the Council. FIAN Brazil also integrates the Commission for Monitoring Violations of the Human Right to Adequate Food, drawing attention to specific monitored cases. ▲

Colombia

The Colombian section continued to back the Community Council Campesino Palenque Monte Oscuro (in Puerto Tejada, Cauca), the community of El Hatillo (in El Paso, Cesar) and the Movement for the Defense of Sogamoso (in Magdalena Medio, Santander). Together with capacity building, particular support was given to their national and international advocacy activities, where they demanded the State of Colombia to respect, protect and fulfill the right to food. These communities also attended a seminar on the justiciability of the human right to adequate food, held in September with the Externado University of Colombia and El Bosque University, which was also attended by national and international experts. Several tools were created for the enforcement of and advocacy on the right to food. In particular, the book “The Right to Adequate Food and Nutrition for Women: Expanding the Horizon towards Building a Full Citizenship” (*El derecho a la alimentación y nutrición adecuada de las mujeres: una ampliación de horizonte hacia la construcción de una ciudadanía plena*) was published. FIAN Colombia also published the booklets “The more one knows what one has, the easier one defends it. Governance of Land, Fisheries and Forests in our Territories” (*Quien conoce lo que tiene, más fácil lo defiende. Gobernanza de la*

tierra, la pesca y los bosques en nuestros territorios) and “The Enforcement of the Human Right to Food. What is it and how to do it” (*La exigibilidad del derecho humano a la alimentación. Qué es y cómo hacerla*). These are being used by the communities and other organizations involved in these issues. ▴

Ecuador

FIAN Ecuador kept supporting the struggle of many communities, including La Toglla, which has been defending their territory from real estate investment projects, and Tierra y Vida, a union of several organizations on the Ecuadorian coast, which demand their right to land. FIAN Ecuador took part in a fact finding mission and provided legal advice regarding the eviction of the *Asociación de Montubios de Colimes (ASO-MAC)*. It was also involved in the Kimsacocha case, where the community is facing the concession of its territory to a mining company. Signatures demanding an adequate consultation were collected in the province of Girón and presented before the Constitutional Court. FIAN Ecuador also supported the work of the *Unión de Organizaciones Campesinas de Esmeraldas (UOCE)*, who proposed an alternative to extractive projects around its territory through the implementation of Justina Quiñonez, a political and agro-ecological school. FIAN Ecuador also carried out some work



FIAN Ecuador briefing about the right to food —Ecuador. Photo: FIAN Ecuador

supporting the *Unión de Organizaciones Campesinas e Indígenas de Flores* (COCIF), in the province of Chimborazo, which proposes agroecology as an alternative to current approaches that hinder the access to natural resources, mainly land and water. Last but not least, FIAN Ecuador has been working together with *Asociación de Mujeres Waorani* (AMWAE), which faces a host of issues concerning environmental pollution and the dispossession of land due to the presence of oil companies in the region. This cooperation developed under the coordination of the Center for Economic and Social Rights (CDES), a partner organization involved in a project financed by the EU. ▴

Honduras

Throughout 2015, FIAN Honduras continued to follow up on the case of Bajo Aguán and helped strengthen the capacities of the local inhabitants of rural settlements in defending, protecting and promoting human rights in the region. FIAN Honduras monitored and attended some evictions in the area, thereby halting violent actions and achieving the release of imprisoned peasants and the protection of the properties of rural communities. Cases of evictions of rural communities were also followed up in the northern, southern and eastern parts of the country. A press conference on this issue was held with the aim of drawing attention to the human rights violations committed by judicial operators.

Some monitoring was devoted to the freezing of funds from the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to an oil palm company involved in human rights abuses in Bajo Aguán. FIAN Honduras also collaborated — along with 52 national organizations — in advocacy activities around the UPR of the country, at the national and European levels. In October, an event was organized in collaboration with La Via Campesina to celebrate World Food Day, where the Right to Food and Nutrition Watch 2015 was launched. ▴

Mexico

FIAN Mexico contributed to the drafting of the law on the right to adequate food, which was approved unanimously in April by the House of Representatives, and is expected to be passed at the Senate. Along with Flavio Valente, former Secretary General of FIAN International, the Mexican section discussed the advantages of the Bill at the Senate and Senators pledged to support its approval. Furthermore, a meeting with the Commission on Human Rights of the Federal District (CHRFD) was held, where it was recognized that joint work facilitated the publication of the “Special Report



↗ Guarani and Kaiowá child — Brazil.
Photo: Alex M. del Rey / FIAN International

on Right to Food in the Federal District”, prepared by the CHRDF and the Hunger-Free Latin America and the Caribbean Initiative of the FAO. A compromise to integrate the right to food into the Human Rights Program of Mexico City was also made. Under the slogan “Exercising the Right to Food, everyone’s responsibility” (“Ejercer el Derecho a la Alimentación, una responsabilidad de todos”) at the Jesuit University of Guadalajara (ITESO), a forum and a seminar on food issues and organizational alternatives at the local and international levels were held. In these, cases of violations of the right to food were reviewed, such as the Rio Santiago and Temacapulín. The work of Blanquita Narro in supporting the struggle for peoples’ right to food was recognized and a commitment to establish an observatory of the right to food in the ITESO was made. In the state of Guerrero, the project “Chain of Life- Producing to Share” (*Cadena de vida Produciendo para compartir*), which was launched to improve the livelihoods of 20 communities that were affected by the Ingrid and Manuel hurricanes and that shaped right to food committees in 2014, was extended to 24. This project has helped 679 women from poor families become empowered and exercise their right to food. It also led to other family members in productive work and to build social cohesion in the community and between communities through common practices. ▴

Resources ↗



↗ Woman selling locally-produced food at the market. Photo: Alejandra Morena / FIAN International

Financial Picture

The Financial Summary includes income and expenditure account for the year 2015, from 1 January to 31 December 2015.

The summary financial information presented hereby is an extract from the statutory accounts of FIAN International e.V. (Heidelberg, Germany), audited by an independent chartered accountant (PKF Riedel Appel Hornig GmbH). The budgets of FIAN International sections and co-ordinations are not part of this financial report. All amounts are listed in Euros (€).

	2014 (in €)	2015 (in €)
Income		
Project Income	1.556.596,38	1.926.148,34
Membership dues	59.361,77	55.437,65
Miscellaneous	36.274,86	41.991,45
Donations	6.620,00	3.379,07
Sales	0,00	0,00
Interest income	226,35	13,61
Total income	1.659.079,36	2.026.970,12
Expenditures		
Personnel expenses	962.232,68	1.105.000,42
Transfer to sections	139.184,59	197.915,66
Travel expenses	189.525,12	260.693,79
Seminars / conferences	46.014,51	49.221,92
Publications	143.996,00	150.111,21
Office expenses	75.495,14	83.887,97
Rent	30.513,31	31.202,05
International Board meetings	13.562,17	25.062,27
Accounting Costs	6.260,68	6.107,91
Depreciation	26.308,36	23.541,85
Total expenditure	1.633.092,56	1.932.745,05
Result from ordinary activities	25.986,80	94.225,07
Flow to / from reserves	25.900,00	94.200,00
Result	86,80	25,07

FIAN Publications 2015

All publications are available at www.fian.org

Periodicals

Right to Food and Nutrition Watch 2015 “Peoples’ Nutrition Is Not a Business”

Editors: Anne Bellows, Antonio Onorati, Bernhard Walter, Biraj Patnaik, Francisco Sarmiento, Manigueuigdinapi Jorge Stanley Icaza, Marcos Arana Cedeño, Maria Melinda Ando, Monika Agarwal, Nora McKeon, Priscilla Claeys, Sibonile Khoza, Stefano Prato, Stineke Oenema.
Published by: Brot für die Welt, ICCO, FIAN International

English, French, Portuguese, Spanish
(October 2015)

Also available at: www.rtfn-watch.org

Right to Food Journal—Vol.10, 2015

Issue on the increasing influence of transnational corporations over policy-making and its detrimental impact on the realization of the human right to food and nutrition

Editor: Alejandra M. Del Rey

Commissioning Editor: Felipe Bley-Folly

Published by: FIAN International

English

(December 2015)

Available at: http://www.fian.org/library/publication/right_to_food_journal_2015/

FIAN International Annual Report 2014

Highlights and activities by FIAN International and its sections and coordinations across the world.

Editors: Wilma Strothenke and Paola Hernández

Published by: FIAN International

English, Spanish

(May 2015)

Available at: http://www.fian.org/fileadmin/user_upload/FIAN_Annual_Report_2014_eng_WEB_small.pdf

Country Reports

El derecho a una alimentación adecuada y a la nutrición y la situación de las defensoras y los defensores de derechos humanos en Guatemala
Report from third international Fact finding mission to Guatemala on the right to food and nutrition and the situation of human rights defenders
Published by: Act Alliance, CIDSE, CIFCA, FIAN International, La Via Campesina, Rel-UITA
Spanish
(October 2015)

Available at: http://www.fian.org/library/publication/presentation_of_report_on_the_3rd_international_mission_to_guatemala/

Women’s Perspectives on the Impact of Mining on the Right to Food

Report on the human right to adequate food and nutrition of women and children of communities affected by mining and displacement in Essakane, Burkina Faso

Authors: Kossiwavi A. Ayassou Sawadogo and R. Denisse Córdova Montes

Published by: FIAN International and FIAN Burkina Faso

English

(March 2015)

Available at: http://www.fian.org/library/publication/womens_perspectives_on_the_impact_of_mining_on_the_right_to_food/

Monitoring the governance of land, fisheries and forests
A monitoring tool based on the Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests
Published by: FIAN International
English, Spanish
(September 2015)
Available at: http://www.fian.org/library/publication/monitoring_the_governance_of_land_fisheries_and_forests/

Haki Zetu: ESC Rights in Practice: Land and Human Rights
Handbook developed to help mostly African local organizations deal with land issues in a human rights perspective
Published by Amnesty International, copublished by FIAN International
English
(February 2015)
Available at: http://www.fian.org/library/publication/haki_zetu_land_and_human_rights/

Briefings

Briefings on peasants' rights
Dedicated to feed into the negotiations on the contents for the future UN Declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas.

The Right to Food
Available at: http://www.fian.org/fileadmin/media/media_publications2015/Publications_November2015/PeasantsRights_right_to_food.pdf

The Right to Natural Resources
Available at: http://www.fian.org/fileadmin/media/media_publications2015/Publications_November2015/PeasantsRights_right_to_land.pdf

The Right to Land and Other natural resources, Development and Food Sovereignty.
Available at: http://www.fian.org/fileadmin/media/media_publications2015/Publications_November2015/PeasantsRights_Sovereignty_NaturalResources.pdf

Published by: FIAN International and FIAN Belgium
English, French and Spanish
(December 2015)

Multimedia

El Hatillo, razones de una esperanza
Video on communities in Colombia facing the impact of coal mining
Produced by: FIAN Colombia
Available at: <http://www.fian.org/en/library/multimedia/colombia-facing-the-impact-of-coal-mining/>
Spanish
(April 2015)

Hands on the Land for Food Sovereignty
Online platform for the Hands on the Land for Food Sovereignty Alliance, a collective campaign including peasants and social movements, development and environmental NGO, human rights organisations and research activists, who aim to raise awareness on the use and governance of land, water and other natural resources and its effects on the realisation of the right to food and food sovereignty.
English
Available at: <https://handsontheland.net/>

Declaration on peasants rights
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