KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

To comply with their international obligations and commitments on human rights, the environment, and climate, affected communities, local civil society groups and FIAN International call on the governments of Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina to:

1. Create and implement a favorable legal and policy framework to protect human rights related to environmental harm; establish mechanisms and tools for affected people to assess and record their losses and damages, thereby creating evidence and proper remedy mechanisms; and ensure people’s access to justice.

2. Promote, revitalize, and incentivize small-scale local agriculture, local economies, and local food systems.

3. Safeguard, respect, and restore biodiversity, with a particular focus on the human right to adequate food and nutrition, and the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment, given their crucial role in food production and maintaining people’s wellbeing and health.

4. Cease the planning of new coal power facilities and stop subsidizing coal-fired power plants. Instead, establish ambitious coal phase-out goals, and develop a strategic framework and road map to exit electricity production based on lignite (which is the dirtiest form of low-quality coal), in line with the Paris Agreement, and to compensate and rehabilitate victims of rights violations.

For the complete list of recommendations, please see page 40 and 41 of the study.