



THE FIGHT FOR JUST, HEALTHY, EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

The fight for just, healthy, equitable and sustainable food systems calls for an end to corporate control in food and agriculture, as it is based on inequitable and unsustainable profitmaking practices of corporations especially of agrochemical and biotechnology corporations. Corporate grab of land and life sources has led to immense impoverishment of the people, deepening hunger and malnutrition, globally. These grotesque corporations have massively contributed to the crippling emergencies including food, health, environment and climate emergencies raging through the planet.

Now peoples' movements, rural communities are fighting back based on principles of food sovereignty that entail farmers' complete control over all productive and genetic resources of land, livestock, seed and others. Our calls are:

- Genuine agrarian reform with land back to the farmers, including women farmers, in order to produce food through agroecology: practices that are based on indigenous knowledge, free of genetic contamination and toxic pesticides;
- Right to equitable access to adequate, safe and nutritious food for all, particularly for the small and landless farmers who produce it;
- Peoples' sustainable food production and consumption systems based on distributive justice;
- Peoples' right to decision making in food and agriculture with an end to imperialist hegemony in production, distribution and trade systems.

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THE FIGHT FOR LAND!

Equitable land rights are the basis for accessing food and livelihood. Despite this, across the world, peasants' and indigenous communities' right to land is overridden by colonial, feudal and/or neo-colonial systems of land grab. In the current neoliberal area, a fresh thrust has been for industrial agriculture and infrastructural development. Globally, the largest 1% corporate farms occupy 70% of farmland; in Pakistan only 5% of agricultural households are in control of 64% of total farmland with women's ownership to land being at less than 2%.

Land inequality is rising and it further drives social, political, environmental and economic inequality that manifests as unequal wealth accumulation, loss of biodiversity, eviction and migration, unemployment and food insecurity, among others. The most violated are indigenous people, farmers, rural women, and fisher folk with land being critical for maintaining livestock, a key genetic, food, energy and livelihood resource of rural communities. Control over land is also a very critical aspect of wars and occupations.

The fight for land is the most critical component of the struggle for Food Sovereignty, a key source of decent livelihood for billions of small and landless farmers, eliminating hunger and malnutrition, way forward for restoring our battered, beleaguered planet!

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THE FIGHT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, CLIMATE JUSTICE!

Humanity is going through a battle of existence on planet Earth; it has come to this stage in just a handful of centuries though life on earth has existed for millions of years. Of the multiple crises on Earth, of huge importance are the climate and environmental emergencies.

The culprit is the current form of human society based on capitalism; a system viciously extractive and destructive of natural resources, processes, and systems. Products, cycles and systems of destruction, disease and death have replaced the sustainable patterns of natural environment. The global climate and environmental emergencies are a direct result of uncontrolled greenhouse gas emissions, deforestation, chemical and plastic pollution of our lands, water and atmosphere, irreversible harm to biodiversity and ecosystems, and chemical-intensive, synthetic food production systems among others. Arms producing corporations, oil and gas corporations and the agrochemical industry rule the world. A minority of super rich capitalists control these capitalist enterprises responsible for the current debacle.

The way out is of course struggling for Climate Justice, Environmental Justice with the basic premise being the common but differentiated responsibility (CBDR) that holds the rich industrial countries that are historically accountable for destroying Earth's life systems and demands higher compensation for solutions from them.

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THE FIGHT FOR CONTROL OVER GENETIC RESOURCES!

Biodiversity refers to the flora and fauna on Earth, the basis for the continuity of all life. Biodiversity in vegetables, crops, fruits, flowers and wildlife including livestock, insects and a plethora of other precious genetic resources make our ecosystems including food systems resilient to pests, disease and climate change. Over millennia, farmers have fed the world by conserving seeds, maximizing the taste, yield, and medicinal benefits of diverse plant and crop varieties. Farmers have also conserved indigenous livestock breeds for milk, meat and many other resources obtained from them.

Without the tireless efforts of small and landless farmers, crop and livestock biodiversity would have been lost eons ago! These life sources have been commodified by the corporate sector's drive for control over natural resources. WTO's Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs) is the critical most so-called legal mechanism used by corporations for controlling life forms. Seed, livestock and dairy corporations are the front guard in this plunder.

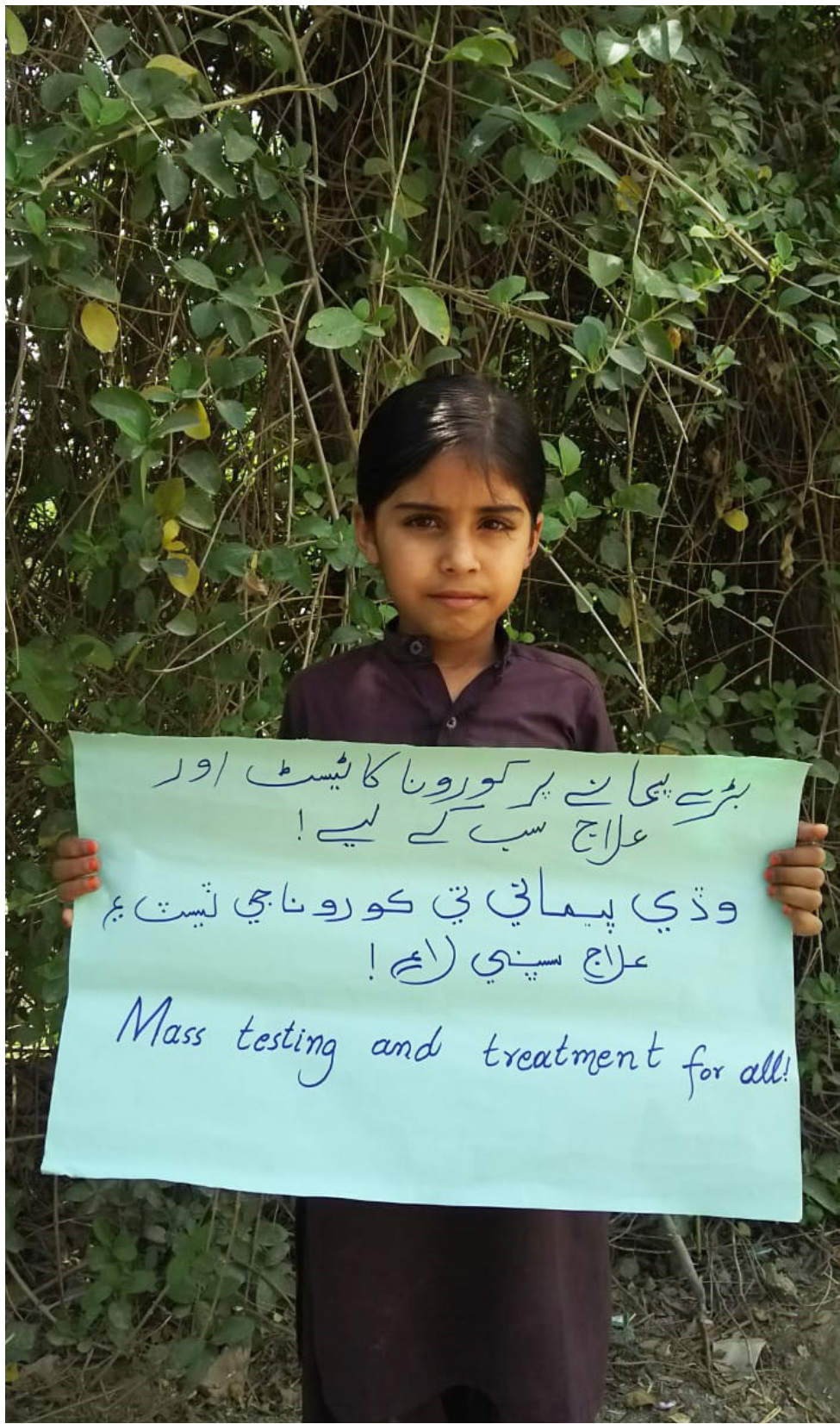
What exists in nature is not the private property of corporations! It is the natural source of life and a collective right to the people. Food Sovereignty is the clarion call of people's movements demanding farmers' collective rights over all genetic resources including seed and livestock!

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THE FIGHT FOR HEALTH!

The global pandemic caused by an infinitely small microbe has shaken the foundations of civilization, brutally exposing capitalism's structural fault lines, raising the urgent need for a transformative change. The laser-edged thrust of neoliberal policies of deregulation, privatization and trade liberalization in the past decades has shredded the basis of a healthy planet: the global health emergencies are a direct result of deregulation and privatization of public healthcare systems.

The pharmaceutical and biotechnology corporations have led a vicious attack for implementing draconian patent systems through the inclusion of the Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) agreement in the World Trade Organization! The patenting of life saving drugs has left billions of people without vaccination and critical medical care. Further, the erosion of decent livelihoods, hunger wages and modern systems of slavery have taken away sustainable foundations of communities, escalating hunger and malnutrition, and forcing humanity to consume cheap, toxic diseased food.

The people demand an end to intellectual property rights, end to TRIPS, end to a profit-based health care system. A critical pillar of development justice is holding peoples right to health paramount! Public healthcare systems must be just and equitable based on people-led science and knowledge and in the spirit of serving the people!

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FIGHT FOR FOOD AS A RIGHT - NOT A WEAPON OF WAR AND PROFIT!

The 21st Century has been marked by wars of aggression, especially in Asia. Wars and conflicts lead to widespread disruption in food systems including production, distribution and consumption. In rural areas, wars can have an intensely heavy toll, as farmers cannot tend to their crops; accessing fodder for livestock is difficult, water sources are often damaged or destroyed becoming inaccessible. Under Occupation, such as in Palestine and Indian-occupied Kashmir, it becomes difficult to access agricultural land, fruit trees, beehives and other means of food production are deliberately withheld. Humanitarian food aid as a means for food and agriculture corporations' access to local markets has been critiqued for many decades. In the recent years under the guise of providing nutritious food, therapeutic food products have become a prime choice for food aid. These food products are controlled by a handful of corporations such as Kraft foods, Nestle SA, Kellogg, and General Mills, and are used for gaining profits but also to open regular markets in neo-colonial countries!

Food Sovereignty asserts that humanitarian aid must be based on strengthening local food production rather than allowing corporation to amass their profits based on the plight of war torn countries. Imperialist trade policies promoting corporate capture of food and agriculture is to be fought based on the people's right to fight for their rights!

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RESOURCES FOR FURTHERING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF PEOPLES' COLLECTIVE RIGHTS!

Roots for Equity has worked with small and landless farmers and other marginalized communities for more than two decades. In this period, we have developed and collected a wealth of information, researches and fact finding material on issues most pertinent to fighting for the rights of the most marginalized segments of society.

Current resources include two short documentaries on Agroecology called "Sanjha Khaet" and on women's mobilization "Women Voices for Change." We also have about a 100 short videos from people of various walks of life emphasizing the need for safe and nutritious food for all and two recent radio programs on "Corporate Capture of the Livestock and Dairy" sector in Pakistan, as well as our campaign "Safe and Nutritious Food," which had been undertaken along with Pakistan Kissan Mazdoor Tehreek. Two different set of primers in Urdu and English are available on "Sustainable Production and Consumption Educational (SPACE) Program, and "Understanding Corporate Capture of the Dairy and Livestock Sector in Pakistan." Each primer has a number of leaflets on various issues such as the institutions pushing neoliberalism, patriarchy, rural women's contributions in agriculture, climate change, and food sovereignty. Please visit our website and blog for other information on our resources.

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