



## CALL FOR ACTION

### **WORLD FOOD DAY 2011 "Price of foodstuffs - from crisis to stability"**

This year world food day will be celebrated on 16 October with the main theme "Price of foodstuffs - from crisis to stability".

Price volatility and food price hike really pushed more and more people into hunger recently and it is not all helped the marginal producers and rural people to increase their purchasing power or to eradicate poverty. Those who are gaining again is the intermediaries, speculators and private enterprises. FAO has chosen this theme to take measures to mitigate its negative effects on the most vulnerable populations. Food has become a political weapon and therefore needs a political solution. During this world food day of 2011, we must seriously look and react on the causes of the fluctuations in the prices of foodstuffs and must act collectively to reduce its effects on the most affected ones with whom we are always working with.

I would like to recall about the Pragmatic and practical actions that FIMARC carried out during our campaign on WFD last year to combat hunger and poverty on the ground

- In Korea, our Movement CCFM collected tons of rice from farmers in order to distribute to North Korean people
- In Bangladesh our movement RRF made fasting and collected 603 USD to FIMARC WFD fund as well contributed to World Food Programme.
- In Rioja, Spain the movement (MRC) helped FENATAPA (National Federation of Peasant Workers of Haiti) to distribute the seeds of beans to the peasants of the Grand and Petite Goâve to address their health problems related to malnutrition. They have sent € 5,400.00

It is really worth to mention these actions as reminder and motivation for all of our movements world wide to contribute in our small ways to eradicate hunger and malnutrition.

Run up to the World Food day 2011, I would like to call upon all our member movements around the world to take up concrete actions in your movements. It can be actions such as:

- Make a solidarity action like fasting to collect money to support the needy
- One day volunteer work to save money and to support hunger eradication projects in your own places or send to the FIMARC world Food Day fund to support other people who are in need around the world
- Avoid meat consumption for minimum one month
- Organise meetings with political people in your country to discuss about the price volatility, landgrabbing issues
- Organising press conference and press release on the topic
- Make relevant actions on water (methods to save, collect)
- Organise legal formation on Land rights and seed sovereignty, Seeds collection, Gardening,
- Make demonstrations,
- Make Research on life of farmers etc

Please do not forget that 925 million people go to bed daily with empty stomach and in each 7 seconds one child is dying out of malnutrition; It is injustice if we are not reacting on it. I am looking forward to receive more information about the involvement of our movement in this regard and wish you all the best for your world food actions of 2011.

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