

Peasant farmers and Indigenous Peoples call against biofuel project in Philippines

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To All Who Defend the Rights to Food and Health, Peasant Farmers' Rights, Women's Rights, Indigenous Peoples' Rights, All who believe in Environmental, Climate, Social and Economic Justice, and All who seek an End to Militarization of Rural Communities:

Peasant farmers and Indigenous Peoples are calling for international attention to the urgent situation of land grabbing, militarization and the pending destruction of local small farm lands to make way for the establishment of 11, 000 hectares of monocrop sugar cane plantations and processing facilities for a biofuel project in the municipality of San Mariano in Isabela, Philippines.

Take action now to support their efforts! Sign the online petition that will be sent directly to government authorities and chief executive officers of the companies involved in the biofuel project:

<http://foodsov.org/html/petition13.php>

For more information, check out statements from the recent international fact finding mission (IFFM) in Isabela available at:

<http://www.foodsov.org> and <http://www.asianpeasant.org>

Interested in Continuing to Act in Solidarity with Affected Farmers and Indigenous People in Isabela?

As residents of Isabela confront the urgent situation of land grabbing, displacement, exploitation and human rights violations, and continue to proactively mobilize for justice, they are seeking your valuable support. Your help will contribute to supporting community members:

- defend their human rights and legitimate land rights claims;
- stop evictions;
- improve peasant and Indigenous Peoples'™ livelihoods;
- promote genuine agrarian reform and the recognition of Indigenous Peoples'™ ancestral domain;
- promote state subsidies of local food crop staples and indigenous seed cultivation;
- promote sustainable agricultural practices;
- press for an increase in farm workers' wages and improvement of labour conditions;
- advance calls for accessible universal social programmes;
- promote genuine protection of the environment for generations to come;
- strengthen organizing and capability building efforts.

To receive updates, similar action alerts, and more information on what you can do, email us:

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In Solidarity,

Peoples' Coalition for Food Sovereignty (PCFS), Asian Peasant Coalition (APC), Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP), IBON International, and Danggayang Dagiti Mannalon ti Isabela (DAGAMI)

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