

FIAN

is an international human rights organisation, founded in 1986 to promote the right to food. FIAN, which has advisory status with the United Nations, operates on the basis of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. It is independent of governments, political parties, ideologies and religious affiliations.

The legal basis of FIAN's work is rooted in Art. 11 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR-Covenant), which lays down the right of each individual to be free from hunger. The right to food is inseparable from the right to work (Art's 6, 7, 8 ESCR-Covenant) and from the right of all people to self-determination and free disposal of their natural wealth and resources (Art. 1 ESCR-Covenant).

»FIAN« is short for »FoodFirst Information & Action Network«, with »FoodFirst« emphasizing the fundamental importance of the human right to food. FIAN mainly works to promote the right to food, especially land rights and the rights of rural workers.

In some countries there are national sections, in others there are groups working. FIAN works through:

- letter campaigns called urgent actions, when the right to food is threatened or violated;
- long-term case work by local groups;
- international campaigns;
- statements to promote the right to food.

Help FIAN so that FIAN can help others !!!

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