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Right to Food and Nutrition Watch 2013
**ALTERNATIVES AND RESISTANCE TO
POLICIES THAT GENERATE HUNGER**

to be launched in Berlin, Bogota, Rome, Vienna, and many more cities!

In October 2013, representatives of the civil society groups and partner organizations that collaborated to produce the sixth annual edition of *Right to Food and Nutrition Watch* will launch the publication in over 30 countries in the lead-up to World Food Day on October 16.

The key message of *Right to Food and Nutrition Watch 2013: Alternatives and Resistance to Policies that Generate Hunger* is that people's participation in the planning, development and implementation of alternatives to dominant policies in food, agriculture and nutrition is needed to challenge the current balance of power and effectively tackle hunger. It is of utmost importance to engage rights holders – people, communities and their organizations - in the design and implementation of policies that affect their daily lives.

This year's edition of the *Watch* identifies disturbing global trends including increased private investments in agriculture without proper engagement of the concerned local population, the commodification of public goods such as seeds, and escalating land conflicts in which rural communities have limited access to legal remedies. These examples show how recent "development" policies lead to further marginalization of peasants communities and deepened hunger and poverty. Meanwhile violence and discrimination against women remain widespread and are inadequately addressed in national and international policies.

In the twelve country reports the *Watch* features, people's movements are leading the battles against decades of policies that fail to address the structural causes of hunger in the world. Misdirected food aid programs and food banks are presented as examples of ill-conceived solutions to poverty eradication as they characterize an outdated and ineffective charity model.

Contributors to the *Watch* put forth the position that emerging peoples' movements offer viable and culturally acceptable alternative approaches founded on food sovereignty that, supported by the effective implementation of human rights instruments and accountability systems, can succeed where the international community has thus far failed.

This publication addresses the questions at the core of the assessment of the MDG goals and offers alternative, human rights-based approaches drawn from the real world experiences and from collective actions by those suffering the most from hunger and malnutrition that provide inspiration.

The *Right to Food and Nutrition Watch* is the first and only international periodical review that monitors state actors' actions related to the realization of the human right to food and nutrition. This report provides a platform for human rights experts, civil society activists, social movements, and scholars to exchange their experiences on how best to realize the human right to food and nutrition through strategies that include lobbying and advocacy work. The *Watch* is a powerful tool that puts pressure on policymakers at national and international levels to fully take the human right to food and nutrition into account in their decisions.