



Annual Report

2021

Introduction

Transforming Food Systems for the People

Amid a global pandemic that has worsened hunger, restricted people's movements and exposed the vulnerabilities of the current corporate-controlled food systems, PAN Asia Pacific (PANAP) and its partners rose to the daunting challenge of charting the way forward for more just, equitable, healthy and sustainable food systems.

We have done this by coordinating civil society opposition to the partnership between the UN Food and Agriculture Organization and the pesticide industry, and continuing to push for policies to phase-out or ban Highly Hazardous Pesticides. We celebrate diverse, local and agroecological food systems by supporting rural communities who are advancing agroecology as the future of food and farming. Through research and advocacy, we have stood up for the rights of peasants who are increasingly under threat of displacement and violence caused by ever bolder encroachments of big agri-businesses on their land and resources. We have placed particular focus on responding to the needs of and empowering rural women to assume the role of leaders in their communities.

This year, we also started building up the capacity of farming communities to monitor pesticide impacts not just on their health and livelihoods, but also on biodiversity. Biodiversity collapse is an emerging global threat. We need greater awareness and evidence of how pesticides use affect biodiversity and food production, so that communities can be encouraged to stop pesticide use and take steps towards restoring destroyed habitats or ecosystems on their farms. We have also pushed back strongly against the alarming corporate capture of institutions mandated to protect communities from pesticide harms.

All our work is reflected in PANAP's various campaigns (Protect Our Children, 16 Days of Global Action on Agroecology, No Land No Life!), and culminated in the historic and successful Global People's Summit on Food Systems, an initiative co-organised by PANAP and which drew the participation of thousands of rural peoples and advocates from the Global South who agree that business as usual is not an option. The radical transformation of food systems—an imperative for survival—is an important undertaking being led today by people's movements across the globe. PANAP is pleased to report how it has contributed to such efforts in 2021.

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Pesticides Programme

Community Pesticide Action Monitoring

In 2021, PANAP made strides in increasing the capacity of communities to carry out participatory research and monitoring through Community Pesticide Action Monitoring (CPAM). It provided an important evidence base of the impacts of pesticides through the ***“Regional Baseline Study on the Situation of Farming Communities in South and Southeast Asia”*** undertaken by partner groups from Vietnam (CGFED and SRD), Bangladesh (BARCIK and SHISUK), India (PAN India and Thanal), and Lao PDR (SAEDA). During the research process, PANAP and its partners were better able to understand the socio-economic situation of farming households and practices involving agrochemicals. Insights into the communities’ perceptions of ecology, land ownership patterns, cultivation systems, and crop production issues were obtained. Farmers were also sensitised on the health impacts of pesticides, especially on women and children, and introduced to agroecological farming methods. The research helped to identify potential areas of intervention to enhance agroecology.

To enrich community tools for research on pesticide impacts, PANAP developed a Biodiversity Monitoring Tool to help measure farm biodiversity. The data collection tool for identifying animals, insects, flora, and organisms in water bodies was used to monitor conventional farms using chemical pesticides, as well as Integrated Pest Management transitional farms in four countries. To help measure soil health, carbon content in soil was also tested.

These socio-economic baseline study and community monitoring tools to measure pesticide impacts will be crucial in documenting enhanced biodiversity, health benefits, economic returns and climate resilience through agroecology initiatives of PANAP and its partners in the coming years.



Biodiversity Monitoring photos taken in a farm. (Courtesy of Thanal India)

Pesticides Programme

Protect Our Children from Toxic Pesticides (POC) Campaign and No Pesticides Use Week

By practicing agroecology, rural households, farms and schools will be a safer place for children. In 2021, PANAP and its partners focused on efforts to raise awareness on and support for agroecology among children, parents and educators with the theme of “Agroecology for Our Children’s Future.” From November 20, International Children’s Day, till December 10 (No Pesticides Use Week), various activities with more than 1,000 participants were held.

Bangladesh

BARCIK, together with the District Health Rights Forum and children’s organisation Khelaghar, organised a public dialogue with the theme “Ensure hazardous chemical-free childhood for children” in Manikganj district. Children’s art exhibitions and community dialogues were also held, with the participation of farmers, government officials, youth, and journalists who vowed to persuade farmers to reduce the use of agrochemicals in the crop fields and support organic farming. Billboards highlighting the negative impacts of pesticides and the importance of agroecology were put up on different public sites. Meanwhile, SHISUK organised an educational moving caravan as part of a community drama initiative.

Children play acted and took on several roles as farmers, pesticide sprayers and pesticide sellers to create awareness of pesticide issues in a creative way. The caravan (about 10 rickshaws) stopped in front of three primary schools, with an audience of hundreds of primary school students, parents and teachers. Posters on the impacts of pesticides on children and mothers were also designed in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture Extension.



Youth from Bangladesh participate in the Protect Our Children Campaign (Photo courtesy of BARCIK)

India

Organised by Thanal, an interactive session served as an eye-opener for students of LBS College of Engineering, Poojapura, Thiruvananthapuram on the impacts of pesticides on children. A poster and video on the harmful effects of pesticide poisoning on children were also released. In Yavatmal District, the Maharashtra Association of Pesticide Poisoned Persons (MAPPP) and PAN India organised a series of awareness-raising events. In Dattapur, village leaders who are part of the local self-governance or gram panchayat system spoke about their own experiences on how the use of toxic chemicals led to ill health, and their efforts to shift to agroecological practices to children, women and men from farming communities. In Borgaon, sessions on agroecology and impacts of pesticides and children were held; posters in local languages were exhibited. Students also participated in a forum in St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) Irinjalakuda. In Mangattucherry and Arrakonam, Tamil Nadu, four events to sensitise women and children on the impact of pesticides in food production and in floriculture were held by the Society for Rural Education and Development (SRED). These generated interest in organic food production and preserving community ecological practices among participants.

Laos

In an organic market in Loungnamtha Province, SAEDA organised a sharing session on how to manage organic farms, and the benefits of organic farming. Participants included young students who wanted to be more conscious about food safety and pesticides in their food.



A cultural caravan dramatising the effects of pesticides on children by SHISUK.

Vietnam



A group of women farmers cycled around the commune in Hai Hau District to create awareness on the impacts of pesticides on children, in an event organised by Research Centre for Gender, Family and Environment in Development (CGFED) in collaboration with the Hai Hau Women's Union. After a discussion among rural schoolchildren, a contest encouraged children to draw thought-provoking pictures related to pesticides use and come up with creative slogans.

Vietnamese students use paint to create illustrations on pesticide harms (Photos courtesy of CGFED)



Pakistan

Khoj – Society for People's Education launched a handbook on children's gardening in Urdu. The handbook, the first of its kind, provides step-by-step guidance for children on how to build living soil, what are beneficial insects, and the essential role of flowering plants and companion planting. In the book's online launch, PANAP presented the hazards of chemical pesticides for children. School children also presented a [skit](#) that creatively and effectively portrayed the impacts of pesticides on children and the need to transition to agroecology.

NO PESTICIDE USE WEEK



VIETNAM



BANGLADESH



INDIA



LAOS

Pesticides Programme

Regional and International Advocacy

International Advocacy

Together with PAN International, PANAP is working regionally and internationally with UN agencies to bring about improvement to the problems caused by pesticides to human health and the environment. PANAP is well regarded as a vital component of UN processes dealing with pesticides, not least in providing a counter balance to industry pressure to weaken or prevent restrictions on pesticides, but also in providing technical information and a reflection of on-the-ground reality of pesticide impacts.

Despite most meetings and consultations held online due to pandemic restrictions, PANAP continued to engage in and achieve results through policy advocacy, with the following highlights:

Stockholm Convention (Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee) - PANAP submitted comments on the draft Risk Management Evaluation for methoxychlor, in particular providing information on alternatives.

Rotterdam Convention (Chemical Review Committee) - PANAP submitted comments on draft task group reports for pesticides under consideration. In the CRC17 meetings, a number of interventions were given in support of the notifications of pesticides. Iprodione and terbufos were found to meet the criteria of the Convention and will be forwarded to the next COP for a decision on listing.

Joint Meeting on Pesticide Management (JMPM) - PANAP participated in meetings and submitted comments on draft Guideline documents on phasing out Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs), internet sales of pesticides, aerial application, illegal trade, and suicide with pesticides.

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UN Action Plan on HHPs- PANAP participated in a number of discussions on the development of the UN Action Plan on HHPs, with the goal of pushing for legally binding mechanisms to phase-out and ban HHPs globally. The FAO has undertaken further consultations on the Action Plan, which is still in draft form, but it appears that the Plan has been shelved for now due to pressure from within and outside of FAO.

United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) - PANAP participates actively in the Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (GMGSF) to help Major Groups and Stakeholders to prepare their input for the UNEA. PANAP drafted a possible resolution advocating for legally binding mechanisms to phase out HHPs and replace them with agroecology; this was discussed with some supportive governments. While such a resolution was not passed, PANAP was able to garner support for it, with CSOs united behind it and the language included in all statements from the GMGSF meetings as well as individual statements from the Major Groups.

Asia Pacific Environment Ministerial Meeting- In the 4th session of the Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific, as well as the meeting of the Asia Pacific Major Group and Stakeholders Forum, PANAP brought up the issue of pesticides and the need to replace them with agroecology. PANAP also facilitated the session on Nature Based Solutions for SDGs.

Consultations with the UN Special Rapporteur on Toxics - PANAP provided inputs in the issue of citizen science and the importance of community-based monitoring in two consultations with the UNSR Toxics, as well as the “The Right to Science in the Context of Toxic Substances” side event during the 48th session of the Human Rights Council.

Consultation with the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food - PANAP participated in the “Right to Food Conversations: Reclaiming Peoples Control Over Food Systems,” organised by the UNSR on the Right to Food. The need for agroecology and the phase-out of pesticides in ensuring the right to food was highlighted.

PANAP was also active in the steering group **HHPs Community of Practice**, a virtual discussion platform which aims to bring together those involved in HHPs work. It participated in virtual Agroecology Policy Negotiations of the **Committee on Food Security** (CFS)—although the outcome of the negotiations was found wanting on the issue of pesticides use within an agroecology policy. PANAP also provided an **expert paper** for the Experts Group meeting on gender and pesticides for the **Committee on the Status of Women 66** (CSW66). Some of PANAP's recommendations going forward to the CSW66 in were adopted. *(For more information, see Women in Agriculture Programme).*

In support of efforts to phase-out and ban pesticides, PANAP undertook the research together with other PAN regional centers to publish the **5th Edition of the PAN Consolidated List of Banned Pesticides**. The list—a valuable tool for researchers and policymakers, and the only one of its kind—was presented at the **International Civil Society Conference on Chemicals Management** to highlight the urgent demands of civil society to ban HHPs.

Sri Lanka won a **Future Policy Award**, also referred to as the '**Oscar on Best Polices,**' from the World Future Council through a nomination that PANAP supported and provided information on. Sri Lanka won a special award for its ban of certain HHPs, which has led to a drastic reduction in farmer suicides in the country. A webinar, **"Forward Thinkers: Policies for Sustainable and Healthy Agri-Food Systems"** was co-organised by the World Future Council with PANAP and the FAO to recognise such positive and forward-looking government policies.



Farmer from Living Farms, India joins the Global Day of Action vs. the FAO-CropLife #ToxicAlliance

UN institutions such as the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) must crucially maintain its integrity and independence as the world faces the triple crises of climate, hunger and biodiversity. The alarming trend towards the increasing corporate capture of the UN necessitates a coordinated pushback. PANAP, together with PAN North America, is co-coordinating the campaign to **stop the partnership between FAO and CropLife International**, the association of the world's largest agrochemical companies.

It co-coordinated a letter of opposition by civil society and indigenous peoples organisations, which was submitted to FAO Director General Dongyu Qu together with a formal request for a meeting. It co-coordinated several Global Days of Action to put public pressure on the FAO stop what is referred to as the #ToxicAlliance, culminating on on December 3, World No Pesticides Use Day, wherein a [global petition](#) with **almost 200,000 signatures** was submitted to the FAO and protest actions were held in front of the FAO headquarters in Rome, as well as in farmers' fields in several countries in Asia.

National-level Advocacy

At the national level, PANAP supported policy advocacy efforts by its partners.

In Bangladesh, a webinar series on "*Safe Food and Agroecology*" was held by SHISUK and BSAFE Foundation. Inputs from the panel discussions will be summarised as policy briefs and made available to government officials, academics, farmers, and policymakers.

In India, Thanal held discussions with the Agriculture Director and the other officials from the agriculture department in Kerala on the topic of agroecology, self-reliance, and PGS certification (farmer-led certification for organically grown produce). In cooperation with PAN India and Public Eye, PANAP also co-organised the webinar "[Pesticide Poisonings in India](#)" to highlight the case filed against Syngenta by poisoning victims in Yavatmal District, give updates on the national ban on 27 pesticides, and discuss double standards in pesticides trade.

In Laos, agriculture, forestry, health officers together with farmers were trained on pesticide use and impacts, in collaboration with SAEDA and the District Pesticide Management Committee of Yot in Ou, Phongsaly Province. Pesticide retailer visits and surveys were also undertaken. With the goal of improving local pesticides regulations and stopping illegal pesticides from China, a seminar for local government officials and border checkpoint inspection officers was also organised with the District Office of Natural Resources and Environment.

In Vietnam, SRD organised workshops on climate change mitigation and adaptation and agroecology, attended by representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and various stakeholders in Son La Province. Better forest management methods and expanding support for agroecology were discussed.

Food Sovereignty Programme

Global People's Summit on Food Systems

Together with 22 international and regional organisations, PANAP co-organised the [Global People's Summit for Just, Equitable, Healthy, and Sustainable Food Systems](#) (GPS), the people's movements-led counter-summit to the United Nations Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) and its corporate agenda. It is a culmination of the #Hungry4Change campaign that the People's Coalition on Food Sovereignty (PCFS) and PANAP launched in 2020, calling for urgent and long-term reforms in food and agricultural policies amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

From April to September, PANAP and its partners led and participated in various activities related to the GPS. This includes *"Agri Workers are #Hungry4Change: Workshop on Agricultural Workers Demands for Food Systems"* (July 23), *"Indian Food Systems: Distributive Justice in Access to Natural Resources and Food,"* (July 5 & 29), *"Corporate Agriculture Sector: Robbing Farmers' Livelihood!"* (August 12), *"Neocolonialism and the Failed Rice Revolution"* (September 20), *"Women are #Hungry4Change"* (see Women In Agriculture Programme for details), and *"Transforming Food Systems through People-Led Agroecology"* (see Agroecology In Action campaign for details). PANAP also supported its partners in carrying out national workshops and webinars in Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and the Philippines, which mobilised more than 1,000 community leaders and other stakeholders. On top of the workshops/webinars, our partners also mobilised more than 4,800 people for their various GPS-related activities at the national and local levels and distributed more than 2,000 GPS campaign materials in local languages, including posters and flyers.



Effigies of farmers chasing away agrochemical companies in #SiegeTheSummit protests in the Philippines

To counter the UNFSS Pre-Summit, PANAP co-organised the [#SiegeTheSummit](#) webinar and on-ground protests on July 25. With the theme *"Reclaim our land, seeds and rights! End neoliberal food systems now!"*, the event featured speakers who exposed the corporate agenda of the UNFSS and how neoliberal policies in agriculture impact small food producers from the Global South.

GLOBAL PEOPLE'S SUMMIT



CAMBODIA



INDONESIA



PAKISTAN



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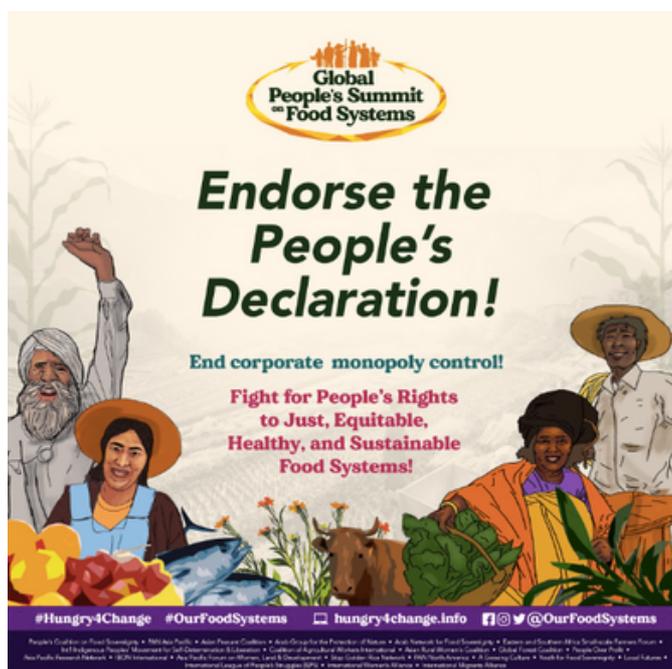


JAPAN

From September 21 to 23, while big agri-businesses and world leaders gathered for the UNFSS, more than 1,000 people's movements, civil society and indigenous peoples' organisations gathered on-ground and online for the **three-day counter-summit**. The GPS adopted a **People's Declaration** titled "*End Corporate Monopoly Control! Fight for People's Rights to Just, Equitable, Healthy, and Sustainable Food Systems!*," which has since then been endorsed by 45 global formations, 25 regional groups, and 496 national and local organisations from all over the world. Participants also vowed to carry out the People's Action Plans produced from the workshops, public forums, and consultations organised under the GPS.

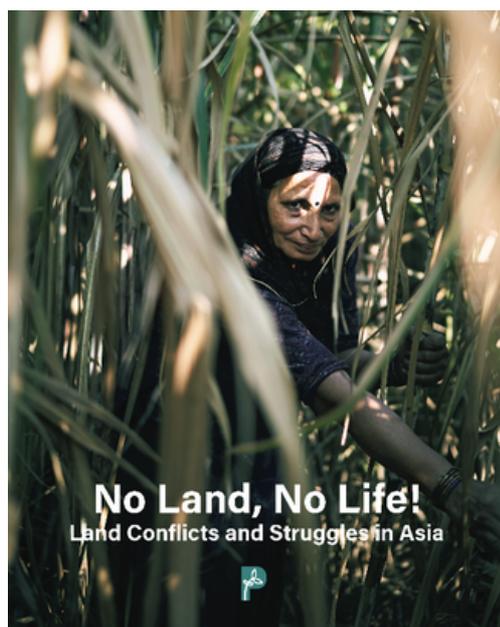
These Action Plans represent the people's concrete and particular demands and campaigns along the 'four pillars' of food systems transformation. The pillars are (1) Food sovereignty and democracy at the core of food and agricultural policies; (2) Agroecology and sustainability in production, distribution, and consumption; (3) People's right to land, production, and resources; and (4) People's right to adequate, safe, nutritious, and culturally-appropriate food.

The People's Declaration was submitted to international bodies such as the UN secretary-general António Guterres and its special rapporteurs, including UNSR on the right to food Michael Fakhri.



*Call for endorsement of the Global People's Summit
People's Declaration*

No Land, No Life! Campaign



No Land, No Life! Land Conflicts and Struggles in Asia book cover

In the context of intensified land and resource grabbing amid tightening corporate control over food and agriculture, PANAP's No Land, No Life! campaign continued to support communities in defence of their rights to land as one of the pillars of food systems transformation.

In January, PANAP launched the book "[No Land, No Life! Land Conflicts and Struggles in Asia,](#)" which consists of case studies of rural people's movements resisting dislocation and repression due to neoliberal policies and big business and foreign interests. It features land conflicts in Cambodia, India, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Sri Lanka, wherein partners conducted research and fieldwork last despite COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. These cases would be the focus of national-level campaigns for land and resources for the next two years.

The campaign actively promoted the March 29 [Day of the Landless 2021](#) (DOTL) statement with the Asian Peasant Coalition (APC), entitled "*End corporate control in food and agriculture! Fight for genuine land reform and rural development to truly transform the world's food systems!*" Nine regional and global coalitions and networks and 77 national and local organisations from 11 countries (i.e., Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, South Korea, and Sri Lanka) endorsed the DOTL 2021 statement.

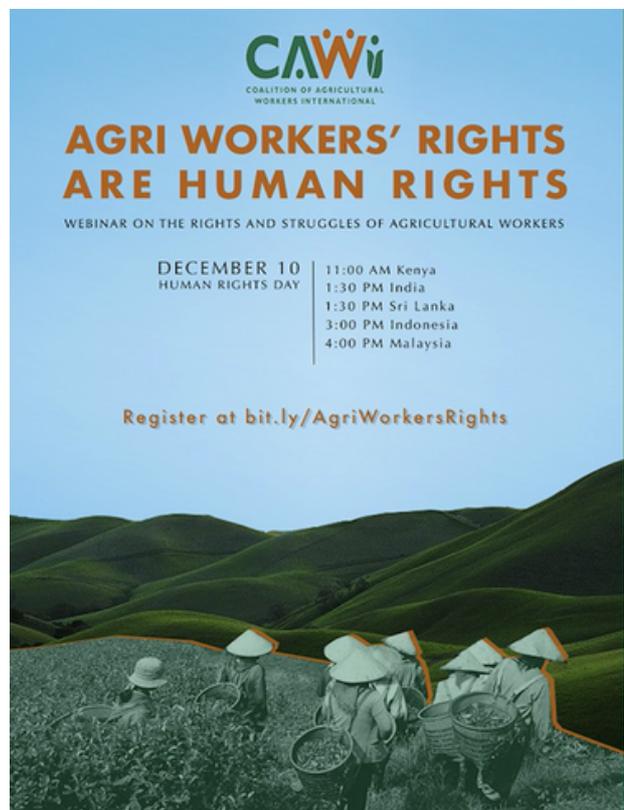
Through its partnership with the APC, PANAP co-organised the "[Peasants Rise Up!](#)" webinar series to highlight the ongoing land struggles of various peasant groups in the region. Among those featured were the oppressive [situation of women agricultural workers in palm oil plantations in Indonesia](#) (SERUNI); the [struggle of dairy farmers in Pakistan](#) (PKMT-Roots); the [impacts of infrastructure projects on rural communities in the Philippines](#) (KMP); the [condition of sugar plantation workers in Sri Lanka \(Vikalpani\)](#); and [land occupation in Thailand](#) (SPFT). A special episode on the [impacts of trade liberalisation on food and agriculture in Asia](#) was co-organised with Local Futures as part of World Localization Day.



Land & Rights Watch 2021 Annual Report Cover

PANAP continued to monitor developments related to land grabbing and human rights violations in the region. Twelve bulletins were produced on these developments, distributed through the No Land, No Life! listserve. The [Land & Rights Watch 2021 yearend report](#)—with the campaign for food systems transformation as its thematic focus—was launched to mark International Human Rights Day on Dec 10, 2021. Findings from the report highlighted victims of land-related killings and other rights violations, mostly farmers, advocates and indigenous peoples.

With the Coalition of Agricultural Workers International (CAWI), the webinar "[Agri Workers' Rights are Human Rights](#)" was also held on Human Rights Day with the participation of 33 organisations in nine countries (Australia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Togo). The event tackled the situation of agricultural workers and served to consolidate CAWI, which PANAP continues to support as its secretariat.



Agri Workers' Rights Are Human Rights Webinar Invitation and Poster

Asian People's Exchange on Food Sovereignty and Agroecology

PANAP, together with Farmer-Scientist Partnership for Development (MASIPAG), is a co-coordinator of the [Asian People's Exchange on Food Sovereignty and Agroecology](#) (APEX), a platform composed of 24 organisations from 13 countries. Under APEX, several activities focused on education, exchanges, and training/workshops on food sovereignty and agroecology issues in the region were organised.

The **PAR (Participatory Action Research) for Agroecology Workshop** had 12 online sessions defining the dimensions of agroecology and using it as a framework in the use of PAR as the primary process in people-led development. APEX also held its first regional conference on October 4-8 with the theme "**Climate, Seeds and Biodiversity: Towards Just and Equitable Food Systems.**" As part of its preparations for the conference, the platform held pre-conference sessions for exchanges on concepts and principles, international laws, and situational updates on critical issues affecting food sovereignty and agroecology.

All in all, APEX organised seven pre-conference sessions, covering the following topics:

- Food systems
- Multi-dimensionality of seeds and biodiversity
- Farmers' rights, international and local policies on seeds
- Right to land as foundation of just and sustainable food systems
- Emerging technologies that impact seeds and biodiversity
- Pesticides, TNC (transnational corporations) control, and impacts
- Climate change

The conference, participated in by over 100 attendees from 32 organisations in 13 countries, focused on broader analyses and future actions at the local, national, and regional levels. Additionally, the APEX platform organised two special sessions on Sri Lanka's move towards organic agriculture and on democratising science in food and agriculture.



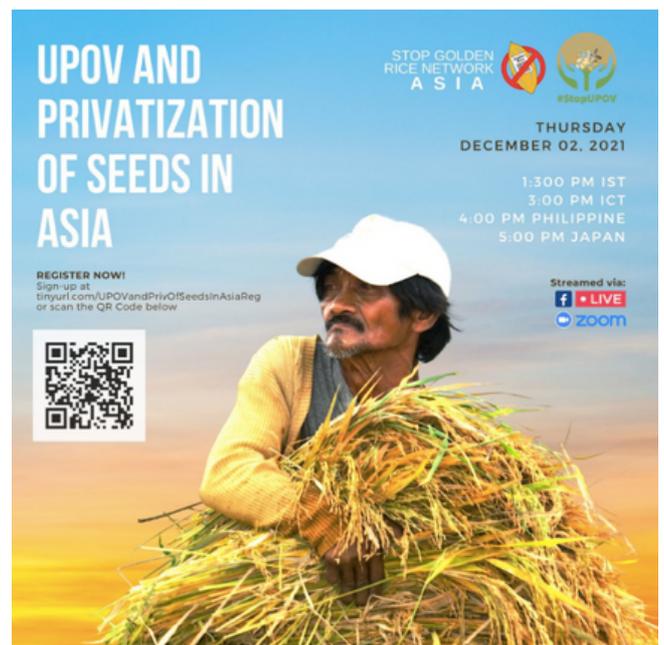
Bataan Farmers and Community Association (BFCA) members conducting timeline and organisational assessment during their PAR. (Photos courtesy of MASIPAG)

Stop Golden Rice Network

In 2021, the Philippine government became the first in the world to approve genetically-engineered Golden Rice for commercial propagation. At the same time, gene-edited commercial varieties are being introduced in the region, such as in Japan and New Zealand, further threatening people’s food sovereignty. As a co-convenor of the Stop Golden Rice! Network, PANAP actively participated in activities to petition the Philippine government to **recall the permit for Golden Rice** (unity statement, press conference) and raise awareness on the impacts of GE and privatisation of seeds in Asia (webinars “Neocolonialism and the Failed Rice Revolution,” “UPOV and Privatization of Seeds in Asia”) and online mobilisation (“The Miracle that Never Was, and Never Will Be”) during the International Rice Research Institute’s anniversary.



Stop Golden Rice Network Unity Statement (L)
UPOV webinar invitation (R)



Agroecology In Action Campaign

International People's Agroecology Multiversity

Re-launched in April 2021, the **International People's Agroecology Multiversity (IPAM) website** has a new and better look and design with more useful information structure. For this year, the IPAM website recorded a total of 384,499 hits, 12,301 visits with 689 unique visitors monthly average. It is currently being managed and updated to highlight, share and support partner's initiatives and advocacies on agroecology, their resources and calls for actions.

IPAM is a research-learning-action approach to agroecology that focuses on small-food producers and farming communities. It promotes agroecology as a sustainable approach to agriculture and food production and development, in the framework of food sovereignty, ecological and social justice. IPAM is also a network of Field Learning Sites (FLS) situated in 11 countries. The FLSs are training centres or campuses of farmers' fields, CSOs, institutions and universities that offer on-site learning on agroecological farming methods, innovations and techniques.



IPAM Website Landing Page for 2021

16 Days of Global Action on Agroecology

As a side event of the Global People's Summit on Food Systems and build up towards the 16 Days of Global Action on Agroecology, PANAP, PAN North America and MASIPAG co-organised a webinar entitled ***"Transforming Food Systems Through People-led Agroecology"*** on September 22. With more than 30 participants, the webinar reaffirmed the basic principles of agroecology from the perspective of small food producers and rural communities; provided updates on key global discussions related to agroecology; identified challenges and potential areas of advocacy or campaigning; highlighted inspiring stories and best practices by communities advancing agroecology; and proposed initial action plans by agroecology practitioners and advocates for food systems transformation.

The 16 Days of Global Action on Agroecology kicked off on October 1 with the theme, ***"Celebrating Diverse, Agroecological Food Systems"***—highlighting the need for just, equitable, healthy, sustainable, and diverse food systems as the people's alternative to the current corporate-driven and agrochemical-intensive food system. The 2021 campaign was participated in by 19 organisations in 8 countries (Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Ivory Coast, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Vietnam) reaching out to over 20,000 individuals.

Here are some highlights:

- **Film festival** (PANAP with the Asian Rural Women's Coalition/ARWC) – ***"Celebrate! Short films on people-led agroecology"*** is an online film festival featuring agroecology-themed documentaries and animated shorts from Thailand, Greece, Sri Lanka, India, Cambodia, Pakistan, US, Philippines, Benin and the Ivory Coast.
- **Food dialogue** (Bangladesh Research Centre for Indigenous Knowledge/BARCIK)
- **Food festival** (Youth for Food Sovereignty/YFS and Young Volunteers for the Environment/JVE Ivory Coast)
- **Farmers' protest action** (Pakistan Kissan Mazdoor Tehreek/PKMT and Roots for Equity in Pakistan)
- **Seed distribution** (Vikalpani, Sri Lanka)
- **Trainings on youth in agroecology and women's collective farming** (Society for Rural Education and Development/SRED, India)



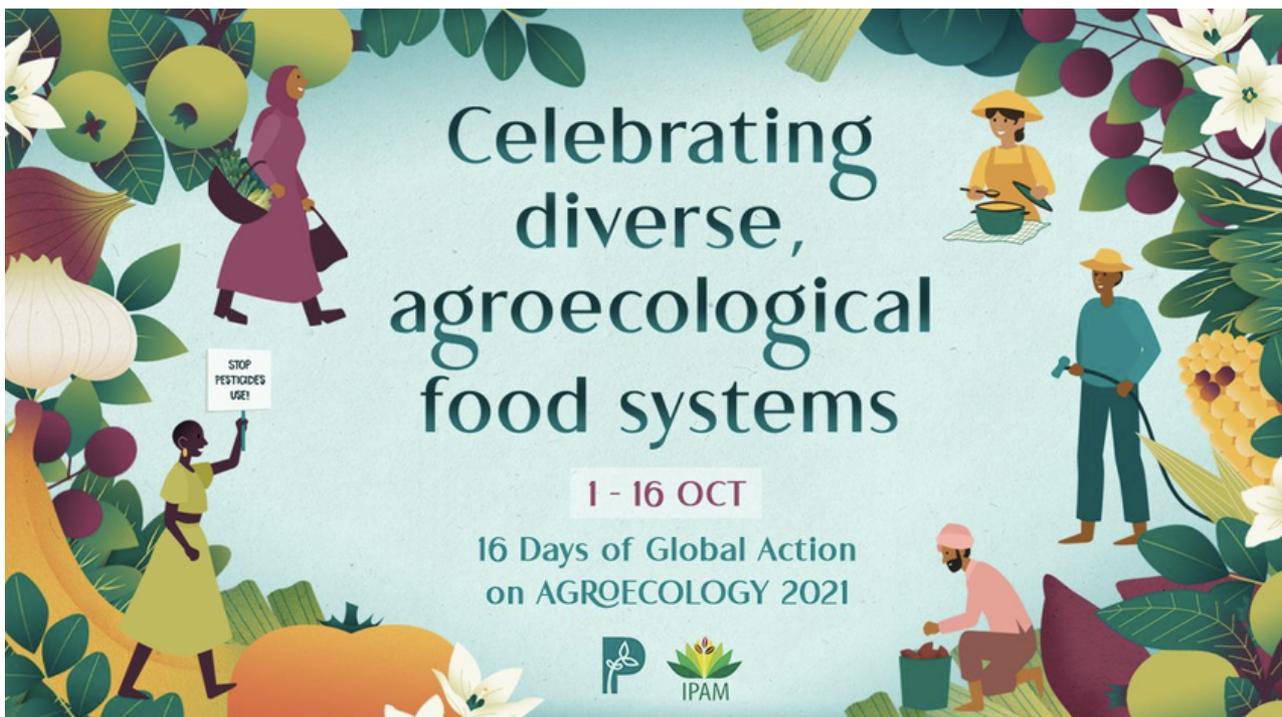
Posters for 16 Days of Agroecology events



Various partner organisations such as Coalition of Cambodian Farmer Community (CCFC), (CGFED), JVE, KADAMAY, Kalikasan at Komunidad, MASIPAG, Wellspring of Science and Technology (SIBAT), and Thanal also contributed photos and videos with the calls “Food Diversity, Not Monocultures!” “Right to Safe and Nutritious Food Now!” “Stop Pesticides Use!” etc.

Webinars were also organised by PANAP to generate awareness on the need for agroecological alternatives to pesticides. With National Federation of Agricultural Workers/UMA in the Philippines, [“Toxic Fruit: Working conditions of banana plantation workers in Mindanao”](#) revealed pesticide poisoning among banana workers. A virtual [Seed Swap](#) with Khoj in Pakistan highlighted the the critical importance of seed saving and sharing, especially for women. PANAP was also invited to speak at a webinar by its partner Monlar, which tackled the benefits of innovative organic farming in Sri Lanka.

The campaign culminated on October 16, commemorated as [World Hunger Day](#), wherein partners held various on-ground and online actions to highlight the people’s demands for just, equitable, healthy, and sustainable food systems.



16 Days of Agroecology 2021 Twitter Poster

16 DAYS OF GLOBAL ACTION ON AGROECOLOGY



BANGLADESH



VIETNAM



PHILIPPINES



PAKISTAN



IVORY COAST

Women In Agriculture Programme

PANAP ensures the participation and leadership of women, and the incorporation of a human-rights based approach to gender equality, in all of its programmes and campaigns.

In many ways, women are more vulnerable than men to pesticide impacts. The baseline study and Community Pesticide Action Monitoring tool for communities were improved to strengthen the gender perspective and help gather gender-disaggregated data on pesticide impacts.

A significant contribution to gender policy and pesticides is PANAP Senior Policy and Science Director Dr. Meriel Watts' paper for the **Experts Group meeting in preparation for the CSW66** in 2022. As a result, the following recommendations were included:

- Ensure a rights-based, gender-responsive approach to food sovereignty and agrobiodiversity with equitable access to land, resources, assets and institutions and fair and equitable sharing of benefits
- Develop policies and programmes that foster women's engagement in and control over agroecological food production that restores biodiversity, regenerates the agroecosystem, and provides resilience against climate change and other disaster risks
- Valorize and develop solutions based on women's indigenous, local and traditional knowledge, innovation and practices, particularly in the construction of sustainable food systems, biodiversity conservation and sustainable use, climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Dr. Watts also contributed and participated in the preparatory meetings for the 2nd Gender and the Global Environment Report (GGEOF II). The GGEOF is a report led by UNEP that highlights gender issues from an environmental perspective, offering a unique space and potential in environmental assessment and decision-making.



*Conversations with Indian Women
webinar*

PANAP is committed to strengthening the rural women’s movement in the region through the Asian Rural Women’s Coalition (ARWC), which PANAP serves as the secretariat. With the ARWC and other women’s networks and coalitions, PANAP co-organised **“Women are #Hungry4Change: Rural Women’s Workshop on Just, Equitable, Healthy and Sustainable Food Systems”** on August 18-20. The workshop had over 80 participants from 38 organisations in 20 countries from Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and Caribbean, and African regions. Data gathered in a survey conducted prior to the workshop and during the workshop proper were integrated to highlight the situation of rural women, their relationship with food systems, and how policies affect them. Rural women’s demands and initiatives in transforming food systems were laid out, and resulted in a Rural Women’s Declaration that was translated and disseminated. Results of the workshop were also highlighted in PANAP’s expert input to the CSW66.

In 2021, the ARWC released several statements that provide an overview of the situation of rural women in the region, as well as specific struggles in need of solidarity and action. On **International Women’s Day**, the ARWC highlighted member’s initiatives for food sovereignty and gender justice; while on October 15, Rural Women’s Day, the call was to **defend peasant women under attack** and release women political prisoners. ARWC also released a statement of support for AMIHAN National Federation of Peasant Women of the Philippines, whose bank assets were frozen due to political harassment; the freeze order was eventually lifted due to public pressure. The *No Land, No Life! campaign* provided up-to-date data and case studies involving women land rights defenders.

On Women’s Month, PANAP and ARWC co-organised **“Conversations with Indian Women,”** a webinar that tackles the impacts of the Indian government’s controversial Three Farm Laws on women, including Dalits, tribal women and migrant workers.

Activities for the Protect Our Children campaign, No Pesticide Use Week, and the GPS had a high participation of women. For several partner organisations, it is the women who mainly led creative actions such as bike tours, seed swaps, events for children, and cultural performances such as dances and dramatic skits. The webinar **“Our Food System is in Crisis – Can Women Farmers be the Solution?”** (Law and Society Trust, Sri Lanka) for the 16 Days of Global Action on Agroecology also underscored the role of women in food systems transformation.



Rural Women's Workshop for the Global People's Summit on Food Systems

Information and Communications Programme

Maximising online platforms to amplify rural peoples' demands

PANAP continued to maximise various media channels and come up with communication strategies to highlight efforts at policy advocacy and advance its campaigns.

In 2021, PANAP published [26 press releases & statements](#). For the Pesticides Programme, media statements tackled the following issues: Sri Lanka's life-saving pesticides ban, the FAO's use of chlorpyrifos in its desert locust program, ban on cypermethrin, global phase-out of HHPs by 2030, and recognition of the rights of the child to a healthy environment, among others. For the Food Sovereignty Programme, media statements were in support of various farmers' struggles vs land grabbing in Cambodia, India, and the Philippines.

PANAP appeared in news or feature stories in 55 media outlets globally. These include national dailies (e.g. Philippine Daily Inquirer, Kashmir Times, The Sangai Express, Terra Nuova), global magazines (Progressive International, Sustainable Pulse, Asia Democracy Chronicles, Counter Currents, Global Bar, Impakter, DevEx, Daily Maverick, Civil Eats), TV (Al Mayadeen) and radio. PANAP also partnered with A Growing Culture (AGC) and APC for the Peasant Press Forum, wherein around 100 journalists joined to hear stories from peasant and indigenous communities around the world.

PANAP also published [12 feature stories](#), with a thematic focus on food systems transformation and the intersections of pesticides, land, corporate accountability and gender. These were disseminated through the PANAP website, list serves and social media accounts in Facebook, Twitter, Youtube and Instagram. PANAP continues to grow visitors and followers to its website and socmed accounts, which serve as the primary vehicle for information dissemination. For instance, various PANAP publications and information materials registered more than 30,000 downloads; PANAP videos had almost 12,000 views in YouTube alone.



Social media artwork produced for the Global People's Summit

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Nella loro petizione, i firmatari hanno sostenuto che è

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collaborare con CropLife, le cui aziende associate (Bayer, Syngenta, Corteva Agriscience, FMC e Sumitomo) ottengono circa un terzo delle loro vendite da pesticidi altamente pericolosi (HHP), o pesticidi che pongono i massimi livelli di rischio per la salute e l'ambiente.

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ENVIRONMENT

Farmers, not corporations, will transform the food system

The UN Food Systems Summit is tainted by corporate interests — the people are building an alternative.



This 21-23 September, the Global People's Summit will bring together farmer and peasant movements from around the world to demand a food system that centers the right to land, sovereignty, and sustainability.

PANAP's writeup on the Global People's Summit (GPS) featured in Progressive International

Two major communications campaigns were co-coordinated by PANAP in 2021—the Global People’s Summit on Food Systems **#Hungry4Change** and Stop FAO-CropLife **#ToxicAlliance**. Press releases, social media materials, posters, banners, and videos were produced for both campaigns, reaching millions online and on-the-ground. More than 2,000 informational materials (e.g. posters and flyers) highlighting our calls for food systems transformation were translated to local languages and distributed by our partners. **Artworks** on various aspects of food systems change—conceptualised with AGC and PCFS—were released on social media to raise awareness. Journalists also covered the **media launch of the Global People’s Summit** on Earth Day, wherein a **video teaser** produced by PANAP was premiered. Meanwhile, the hashtag Stop #ToxicAlliance during the Global Day of Action on December 3 alone garnered more than 500 tweets, with a potential reach of more than 1.7 million. **Social media cards** on CropLife International’s background and alarming partnership with FAO were also produced with AGC and PAN North America.



Film still from the Women Rise for Land and Agroecology short documentary

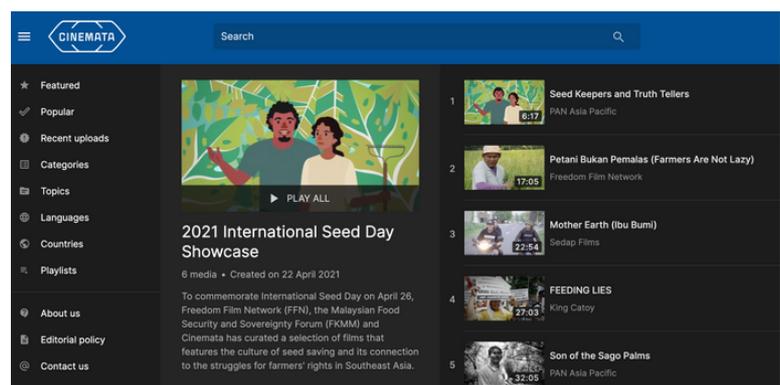
PANAP produced **“Women Rise for Land and Agroecology,”** a short documentary highlighting Filipino women’s initiatives in agroecology in Lupang Ramos. A creative video on the **“Four Pillars of Food Systems Transformation,”** highlighting the need for people-led agroecology, was also produced in collaboration with artists’ group SAKA and shown during the Global People’s Summit on Food Systems. PANAP’s video report **“Justice for Rommy Torres”**, meanwhile, told of a case of a Filipino farmer killed while harvesting bananas on land that was being grabbed.



PANAP short documentaries and animation featured in online film festivals

PANAP has explored new platforms to expand the reach of its multimedia. In the online **Rising Gardens Film Festival** organised by One Billion Rising, the short documentary **“Young and Poisoned”** was selected as one of the featured films. The animation **“Seed Keepers and Truth Tellers”** was also featured in a collection for International Seed Day by **Cinemata**, a platform for social issue films in the Asia Pacific. PANAP was invited to speak in an online forum along with other advocates and filmmakers in the region.

A comprehensive **communications and knowledge management strategy** was a major output for 2021. Based on literature review and Focus Group Discussions with partners, PANAP outlined communication approaches, strategies, activities, and key messages to achieve desired behavioural communication changes in furtherance of the goal to phase-out pesticides and promote agroecology. It also provided recommendations to manage and more effectively use the network’s existing knowledge for purposes of learning, sharing, and communicating to the wider public. The communications and knowledge management strategy will continue to be enriched and serve as the guide for communication activities by PANAP and its partners for the coming years.



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In its 30 years of existence as an independent organisation, PANAP has situated itself in the grassroots movements in Asia and has gained strength from these linkages. This can be seen through the successes of its campaigns, training and policy advocacies that have strengthened people's movements, publicised their issues, and united various movements. The interactions with local communities have enriched the solidarity among grassroots organisations, advocacy groups and individuals.

Currently, PANAP has 109 partner groups in Asia and the Pacific region, and it outreaches to more than 400 CSOs and grassroots organisations in Asia and globally.

The empowerment of women has been a conscious effort within PANAP staff, its programmes, and its network. It has been able to systematically ensure women's involvement and integrate gender views in various projects and activities.

The organisation works within the framework of food sovereignty i.e. people's and communities' right to decision making on food and agriculture, right to land and productive resources and, the right to safe and ecologically produced food. The reduction and elimination of pesticides is still its mandate but it is also focused on other hazardous technologies.

Overall, PANAP's work continues to provide impetus to improve the lives of the marginalised communities. The organisation empowers communities for change and advance food sovereignty, ecological sustainability and gender justice.

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