

GRAIN in 2020 Highlights of our activities

The following report provides a highlight of our 2020 activities

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About GRAIN

GRAIN is a small international non-profit organisation that works to support small farmers and social movements in their struggles for community-controlled and biodiversity-based food systems. As a movement-resource organisation, our role is to inform and help empower the global grassroots in advancing towards food sovereignty.

We work towards this end along two cross-cutting strategies: information work and movement building.

Our strategic information work consists of producing and diffusing incisive analysis of global trends in the food system to inform strategies, build capacity and foster cooperation and popular action to challenge corporate power and reclaim local control over food production, markets and trade.

Our movement support work actively supports and links social movements around the world that are building food sovereignty and creating more diverse, resilient and healthy food and farming systems.

All of this work is organised in four interrelated thematic areas:

- Corporations, power and the global food system
- Land grabbing and the struggle for land
- People's control over seeds
- Food sovereignty to fight the climate crisis



Year in review: reflecting on 30 years of GRAIN

In what has been a challenging year, we managed to continue carrying out the work we do, and believe it to be relevant to the context we are currently facing. Covid-19 brought questions about access, cleanliness, quality, availability and distribution of food to the forefront, and the industrial food system is facing its reckoning: can it feed the world? GRAIN believes it can't and it doesn't, as billions of small-scale farmers continue to feed the vast majority of the people on our planet. As the ills and shortcomings of the industrial food system become more and more obvious in light of the climate crisis and global pandemic, GRAIN remains convinced that food sovereignty is a viable and formidable alternative to agribusiness.

2020 marked GRAIN's 30th anniversary. As we sat in quarantine and tried to make sense of what the world was living through, we took some time to reflect on the trajectory of our work over the past three decades.

GRAIN has grown a lot and yet changed very little in its essence since it was set up in 1990. What started as a passionate and determined initiative of a few activists in Europe has matured into a solid, diverse and decentralised international organisation. Over that period, the politics and vision of GRAIN have not wavered, only grown deeper. With the advantage of hindsight, we can also take stock of some lessons learned and shifts undertook in the hope that they can be useful for others.

One key lesson was shifting our focus from the public sector to corporations. In its first decade, a lot of GRAIN's work was oriented to policy debates at the international level. We soon realised there was a huge gap between what was being decided in these far-off institutions and what was happening on the ground. At the same time, we understood that corporations were very much dictating public policy. At the beginning of the century, GRAIN started focussing more on the role and impact of corporations, to try to understand and expose how they operate and develop strategies with partners on how to deal with them.

In this shift, GRAIN pivoted from lobby circuits to working directly with social and farmers movements. Following the lead of social movements and staying connected to the context on the ground, we started linking with movements fighting trade agreements, land grabs and the climate





crisis and advancing agroecology and food sovereignty agendas. In this process, GRAIN has learned that movements are and need to remain firmly in leadership, while the role of groups like GRAIN is to support and 5 help strengthen them.

Reflecting this shift in strategy, after our first decade we underwent a decentralisation process, through which GRAIN spread its roots in the global South. This has allowed us to better work with civil society and small farmers' organisations there. Now we have grown into a collective, autonomous staff team of 14 spread across the world. For us, having a mix of staff with a global mandate to monitor and cover international trends and staff with a regional mandate deeply connected to grassroots struggles, plus solid coordination support, allows for productive cross-fertilisation and keeps us grounded.

Telling our story links us into the bigger history of the struggle for food sovereignty. In the following timeline, you can see how GRAIN grew from a small European-based outfit lobbying on seeds at UN agencies to an international collective supporting grassroots movements. For the complete 30 year timeline, <u>visit our website</u>.

We appreciate your continued support of GRAIN, through this time of pandemics, climate crisis and abusive corporate power, and with the strength and resilience of social movements and food sovereignty lighting the way.

Coronavirus crisis puts a brake on 30th anniversary celebrations and activities. *Millions forced to choose between hunger or Covid-19* highlights the food system in the pandemic.

2016

GRAIN is helping coordinate an informal alliance against industrial oil palm plantations in West and Central Africa.

2008

Seized is the first publication to put massive farmland deals on the global political agenda.

2004

Bilaterals.org launches, a collaborative website on trade that GRAIN helped conceive.

1996

The year of biodiversity, GRAIN participates in events including the FAO World Food Summit where La Vía Campesina introduces food sovereignty. Photo: European Coordination Via Campesina

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1990

GRAIN is founded on 16 March, with a Board of six and staff of two.

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2018

Emissions impossible from GRAIN and IATP examines the world's largest 35 meat and dairy companies, connecting food and the climate crisis.

2011

GRAIN receives the Right Livelihood Award for its lifetime work, with an emphasis on our achievement in exposing the new global trend of land grabbing. Photo: Right Livelihood Award

2007

GRAIN is on the organizing committee of the first Nyeleni food sovereignty gathering in Mali. *Photo: Nyeleni.org*

2001

GRAIN decentralises and starts publishing systematically in English, Spanish and French.

1995

Major victory: EU Parliament rejects patenting of life, after years of campaigning by GRAIN and many others.

Corporations, power and the global food system



- Confronting today's growing corporate control over the global food system.
- Exploring how corporate power impacts small-scale food producers.
- Linking corporate power to the food crisis, control over resources and global trade relations.

Covid, corporations and the global food system

Covid-19 may be a novel virus, but the spread of zoonotic diseases to humans, and the resulting pandemic, is hardly new. The industrial food system, and in particular factory farming of animals, is a breeding ground for viruses and disease.

One of our first reports of 2020 covered the <u>African swine fever</u> pandemic. When Covid-19 emerged, we published <u>an editorial</u> arguing that fresh or "wet" markets were not the origin, as many were claiming, and pointed to factory farming as a more likely candidate. Further analysis provided more evidence <u>factory farming</u> of animals is a critical factor in the emergence and <u>spread</u> of new lethal viruses.



Once into the pandemic, we looked into "essential workers" of the food system being disproportionately at risk to the virus. They are also vulnerable to containment measures like shutdowns, since

Solidarity food distribution by the MST in Brazil was one of countless local measures around the world to respond to the Covid crisis. informal workers and immigrants account for the vast majority of farm labour globally and a big part of the workforce in food trade, retail, preparation and delivery in many parts of the world. Millions face the daily choice between <u>hunger or Covid</u>.

Covid opened new fault lines of vulnerabilities and exposed alreadyexisting structural inequities in the global economy. We documented how, while people were put in quarantine, <u>agribusiness kept operating</u> <u>in business as usual</u>, with enormous profits and record dividends for shareholders. Because of the limited opportunity for activism in the streets, we took our cries and calls to screens all over the world: <u>Quarantine agribusiness</u>!

Trade, agribusiness and power struggles

Throughout the year, we supported several movements working to quash trade deals, expose agribusiness exploits and bring justice to farmworkers.

Posting over 2,500 articles on trade negotiations and civil society campaigns in multiple languages as well as sending a weekly newsletter to over 10k subscribers, the activist-information site

bilaterals.org attracted over 1.5 million unique visitors in 2020.

First the perils of a free trade agreement with the US then new farm legislation put India centre stage. At the end of the year, India's farmers staged what became one of the biggest protests in human history, with tens of thousand of farmers from across India mobilised for months. GRAIN issued a letter of solidarity for Indian farmers and against the laws enacted to favour agribusiness and facilitate large-scale corporatization of agriculture in India.



- Governments signed onto the mega-trade deal RCEP in November 2020, unfortunately, but not before a week-long multi-media campaign from an activist coalition in Asia. After several wins in 2019, such as RCEP dropping the investorstate dispute settlement (ISDS) and seed law (UPOV 91) clauses, and India pulling out of the agreement, we wrote a <u>short article</u> reflecting on the power of social movements.
- Following the money into a very powerful element of industrial agriculture, GRAIN issued a report on how <u>private equity is</u> <u>pushing agribusiness</u>. Where this money comes from, where it goes, and who it benefits was illustrated in the related infographics. We believe there is an opportunity to inform and mobilise workers whose retirement savings these are, to hold their governments and fund managers accountable and shift this money out of agriculture and farmland.
- Mapping out the soy empire in South America, the <u>Atlas on</u> <u>Agribusiness in the Southern Cone</u> brings together experiences, analysis, images, research and inspiration. A project of Alianza Biodiversidad, the report was launched with a public webinar in August with over 150 participants, has already received over 10,000 downloads, and is now being intensively used by many partners in the region to raise awareness, educate, and mobilise.



Land grabbing and the struggle for land



- Exposing today's massive assault on fertile farmland by investors, speculators and agribusiness.
- Keeping land grabbing high on the global agenda.
- Building alliances and strategy to stop land grabbing.

Land grabs at gunpoint

"They robbed us and evicted us with guns," says 60-year-old Florence Nassaka, a resident in Canaan village in Uganda, who was evicted by Agilis Partners.

After careful field visits, discrete interviews, in-depth background research and several joint meetings, GRAIN along with the African Food Sovereignty Alliance (AFSA) and Witness Radio published a damning <u>report on land grabbing in Kiryandongo, Uganda</u>. The report unveils violent evictions of families from their farms by foreign-owned plantations, with courageous testimony from those affected and confirmed ownership information and connections of the plantations.

The report was launched in a public press conference held in five different languages, live-streamed on social media, with local community and organisation representatives present, along with more than 15 media outlets.



The launch of the report was just the beginning: the authors of the report and allies of 15 different organisations and Kiryandongo community members have had follow up meetings with the European Union Delegation to Uganda, UN Human Rights Office and other national Embassies. Testimony has also been brought to Kiryandongo high court and Ugandan parliament meetings, where an investigation into the land grabs was ordered. Due to media engagement in local outlets as well as <u>Reuters</u>, this case has received more local and international visibility. The hope is that this report and related advocacy will help bring justice and reparations to the aggrieved communities.

Exposing and resisting land grabs

Land grabbing, along with increasing land concentration, disadvantages peasants and harms local communities, who are often displaced from their homes in the interest of industrial plantations for corporate gain. GRAIN's contribution this past year took the form of research, information and outreach as well as networking, capacity building and strategy development together with partners working to stop land grabbing and keep territories under the control of communities.

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Land grabbing goes digital: public, vacant and communallyheld lands are being enrolled in land registries as private property - or being deleted out of records completely. <u>This report</u> looks at five agribusiness expansion and investment zones in South America, then outlines paths of resistance to keeping indigenous, traditional and peasant community lands out of the realm of property and markets - a key element to preserving the environment and food and nutritional diversity for all of humanity.

- Support and legal action against the plantation companies Feronia and Socfin/Bolloré took the form of networking, virtual mobilisation, <u>critical analysis</u> and <u>information work</u>.
- In the context of Covid-19, the Alliance Against the Expansion of Industrial Oil Palm Plantations in West and Central Africa, which GRAIN is part of, managed to find creative ways to carry out village tours in Liberia, Ghana and Cameroon plus women's exchanges between Gabon and Cameroon. The regional women's meeting as well as the Alliance annual meeting pivoted to a hybrid local/online format, with around 200 participants. The Alliance also documented cases of abuse, exploitation and negligence by oil palm plantations in the midst of the Covid spread, stating their resistance to how industrial

agribusiness exacerbates the health crisis and continues benefiting shareholders, leaving local communities vulnerable.

During 2020 GRAIN continued to raise the alarm on land grabs in Brazil: participating in an international coalition to fight land grabs by pension funds in Brazil led by Rede Social; jointly publishing <u>an update</u> on the impacts of land grabs by Harvard University's endowment funds, <u>an exposé</u> on illegally acquired farmland by TIAA and Harvard in Brazil's ecologically sensitive Cerrado region, and a <u>collaborative study</u> of Brazil's "Land Grabbers' Act"; and contributing to the Campaign in Defence of Cerrado in Brazil, providing information and supporting the process to make social and environmental damages more

visible. The conclusions of all this information is clear: land grabs are not only a financial disaster for pension funds but also a huge problem for local communities and the environment.



In May, Socfin/Bolloré held their annual shareholder meetings. Along with several other European NGOs, we helped plan, prepare and implement actions around these meetings in consultations with partners in the affected communities. This included supporting communities to share and record video testimonies from both Africa and Asia for use on the social media storm on the day of the meeting to put the company under the spotlight. It was quite significant that groups from the Socfin/Bolloré alliance, the African oil palm alliance and a part of the affected Cambodian community that was never connected to any of these coalitions worked together to pull this off. This goes to show the power of international networks and connections.

People's control over seeds



- Challenging corporate seed and intellectual property laws.
- Revealing unprecedented levels of corporate control over seeds and the push for GMOs.
- Cultivating emerging seed saving and exchange movements.

Seeds, our best defence

In the face of a global pandemic, climate crisis, trade agreements and corporate control over food, seed sovereignty is the foundation to maintaining a biodiverse, resilient and people-controlled food system. Seeds are the key to the strength of local food networks, and to farmers' self-determination from the grip of the big landowners and agribusiness. The pandemic impacted our work in this area drastically, while at the same time highlighting the active strategies of resilience of local communities and food systems.

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<u>To care for our seeds</u>, created in collaboration with the Seeds Collective of Latin America and Alianza Biodiversidad, is a series of booklets that explores causes of corporate seed control, gives an in-depth look at key seed treaties and conventions, and looks at the difference between certified seeds and native peasant varieties. The booklets are now being widely circulated within the region's seed networks and collectives



and will serve as training materials at strategy and capacity-building seminars as well as the basis for forthcoming multimedia spin-offs.

Latin American collectives released several resources on seeds and agroecology. Illustration by María Chevalier. Other initiatives across Latin America include:

- During the pandemic lockdown in Brazil we helped to support the Small Farmers Movement (MPA) initiative to put together and sell produce baskets and included a copy of the *Revista Biodiversidad* in Portuguese with each basket.
- In Argentina we joined actions against the approval of the first GMO wheat seed, joining the Not with our bread! campaign which collected nearly 6000 supporters from around the world.



 In Mexico we form part of the Network in Defence of

> Maize, which <u>mobilised resistance</u> against laws that extend private property rights over seeds and the new Canada-US-Mexico free trade agreement and helped produce a <u>document</u> <u>in defence</u> of local people organising and maintaining their seed saving and traditional farming methods.

Planting seeds across platforms

GRAIN was involved in several multimedia projects and network actions related to seeds this past year:

- supported a press release and a short video about <u>International</u> <u>Seed Day</u> in April.
- participated in two different films on seeds (see <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>) and a <u>podcast</u>.
- carried out an online course in Spanish called Seeds in Resistance.
- prepared <u>an article</u> on the locust crisis in Africa with Kenyan Peasants League for our sister publication in Spain, the *Revista Soberanía Alimentaria*, showing how the expansion of uniform plantations and destruction of biodiversity is one of the causes.

- collaborated with a seed sovereignty network in Asia on an article about why we oppose Golden Rice, published in the <u>Independent Science News</u>, which sparked debate and reaction on social media from high profile supporters of Golden Rice.
- co-published a <u>short article</u> with the Japanese seed network showing how trade deals hand over control over seeds to large corporations.



Germination of Koshihikari rice, Japan. Photo: Koji Ishizuka

- supported a newly-emerging coalition of Ugandan groups to strategise, fight and speak with one voice against GM crops, helping organise two international webinars.
- helped push forward regionwide efforts across Asia to resist Golden Rice and other GMOs, supporting several online meetings and webinars and the annual campaign against Golden Rice in August.



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Food sovereignty to fight the climate crisis



- Drawing attention to the industrial food system as a main driver of the climate crisis.
- Zooming in on industrial meat and dairy as key culprits.
- Proposing food sovereignty and agroecology as an important part of the solution.

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Climate audit impact

In late 2019, GRAIN published our first <u>climate audit</u>, calculating increased greenhouse gas emissions expected from farm products in the pending European Union (EU) - Mercosur trade deal, as well as other environmental, social and economic impacts like deforestation, increased agrochemical use, displacement and erosion. The report was translated into several languages and is being widely used in Europe and the Mercosur region, referenced by civil society and governments alike. By the end of 2020, we could see that the trade agreement lacked government support to be ratified – and that GRAIN's research helped inform activism against this trade agreement, feeding and fuelling the debate.



A campaign by over 100 civil society organizations in Brazil raises awareness of agribusiness and deforestation as a result of the EU-Mercosur agreement.

Photo: Stop Golden Rice! Network

Examples of the use and impact of GRAIN's climate audit of EU-Mercosur trade deal in 2020

January 2020: EU Parliament Greens/EFA political group study

May 2020: Friends of the Earth Europe position paper/mobilising tool

June 2020: Misereor, Greenpeace and CIDSE <u>report</u>

July 2020: Brazil's national Congress and EU Parliament representative receive report as support document for a civil society petition

September 2020: French government official report

September 2020: CSO collective to stop the EU-Mercosur trade deal social media posts

October 2020: Swedish government's National Board of Trade official report

October 2020: EU Parliament symbolically rejects Mercosur trade deal, citing implementation of the Paris climate agreement and other environmental concerns in the non-binding resolution.

Making the food-climate link

Multimedia messages help to spread the word about the food-climate link and partnerships make our work stronger:

a short animated video connects greenhouse gas emissions to industrial animal factory farming (now in four languages and over 6,000 views), accompanied by a comic strip version.



the annual online

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course in Spanish connecting the industrial food and farm system with the current climate crisis informs and encourages students to take actions to address the problem at local, national, regional and international levels.

- our long-term global initiative with ETC Group and La Vía Campesina (LVC) on the promotion and documentation of agroecology across the world brings together research, advocacy and on-the-ground actions to fortify peasant agroecology.
- the newly formed <u>Africa Climate Justice</u> alliance across the continent is a platform for diverse climate initiatives, where GRAIN contributes materials and analysis on the food system.

- a new webinar series with LVC and the Africa Food Sovereignty Alliance (AFSA), <u>Polli.Nation</u>, provides a multi-faceted approach to the idea of peasant agroecology, with a focus on the African experience.
- the Conversations with Farmers series highlighted how agroecological farmers in Africa fared better under quarantine conditions during the pandemic, and was broadcast on multiple platforms: a Zoom call, <u>Facebook live</u> and local radio.
- **C**This is a powerful platform where great ideas from different people are shared... There is power in working together and achieve the common goal... on this platform I can see that it is possible for Africans to work together. This is encouraging." Participant in Conversations with Farmers, Zambia
- the agroecology bootcamp in Cote d'Ivoire with trainers from Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire and Mali, brought together the technical and political aspects of agroecology, providing a space of exchange and motivating farmers to transition from cash crop models to agroecological production.

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Photo: Eric Biantuadi, JVE Cote d'Ivoire.

Communications and outreach



Getting the word out

All of our publications come together with the ongoing efforts of our communications and outreach. Each piece is edited, translated and launched on our website, social media accounts and often through our "<u>New from GRAIN</u>" mailing list. We often coordinate new releases

with our partners as well as with active funders and media contacts for greater reach.

This past year, our online presence has been crucial given the lack of other forms of distribution due to the Covid pandemic. As can be seen in our web traffic, our materials have found substantially greater
readership online this past year. We have also made an effort to continue diversifying our translations, producing more materials in Portuguese and Hindi, among others.

Our work has also made it into mainstream and alternative media, as well as academic publications and many civil society organisation communication networks. References to our articles pop up on list servers, newsletters, blogs and in presentations of partner organisations. Which is a great thing, considering that our publications are intended to inform and empower social movements. They are also written to increase public understanding of the power dynamics behind the global food system, so when we see our materials and staff cited in media outlets such as <u>The Guardian</u>, <u>Reuters</u>, <u>Le Monde</u>, <u>Telesur</u>, <u>Bloomberg</u> and the <u>BBC</u>, we are glad the word is getting out.

This year, given the limitations of travel and in-person meetings, our staff also had a formidable presence in webinars. Staff presented in over 40 online conversations on topics ranging across our four programme areas. Many of these presentations remain available for viewing online, thereby amplifying the potential audience for these issues.

GRAN 2020 IN NUMBERS

GRAIN.ORG

•600,000 unique visitors to grain.org •18,000 subscribers to New from GRAIN mailing list in English. French and Spanish

• 21,000+ 🗗 followers • 10,000+ 🎔 followers • 1,500+ followers on @ in our second year, a three-fold increase

Published 20 reports, 15 original blogs,
11 issues of 3 magazines,
3 videos, a comic strip and infographics, and
translated materials in 8 languages

 Presented in 40+ webinars
 Staff or materials cited/referenced in ~200 media/news outlets
 Worked closely with 50+ partners and a dozen international coalitions across 4 continents
 14 staff working from 11 different countries

BILATERALS.ORG

~1,500,000 unique visitors
~2,500 new postings, for a grand total of 41,600 total articles on the site
10,805 current subscibers to the mailing list
~3,000 A followers
~3,650 Followers



FARMLANDGRAB.ORG

• ~140,000 unique visitors • ~600 new postings, for a grand total of 14,600+ total articles on the site • ~9,000 current subscribers to the mailing



Behind the scenes



The year began with the intention of extending and deepening our work as we marked the 30th anniversary of GRAIN. Plans for our programme areas on corporate power, seeds, land and climate were full of research, collaborations and invitations to participate in movement-building exercises around the world.

The new context of the global spread of Covid demanded we adapt our plans, publications and work situations. We are grateful that GRAIN is, by design, a decentralised collective and for years, we have coordinated our work through virtual tools and communication. We intensified our Zoom meetings, pivoted our annual staff meeting and planning process online, set up home offices and improved our virtual work flows. We are also

24 grateful for the stable support and trust of our funders. The fundraising team held multiple bilateral conversations with funders, participated in several workshops and webinars, and expanded our funding base by responding to invitations and opportunities for funding. We also supported the fundraising efforts of many partners who faced difficulties in the current situation. To see more details on our funding sources, check out our website.

Of course, the new work modalities have taken a toll, both personally and collectively. Staff feel "screen fatigue" from increased hours on conference and video calls. The lack of in-person meetings strains communication. And, the inability to gather for mass mobilisations and other direct political actions weakens social movement leverage. In many cases, we have monitored governments taking advantage of lockdown measures for passing controversial legislation and policy. Given that we all must live through these challenges collectively, we will continue to support each other, monitor conditions and innovate strategies as best we can.

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the work of GRAIN and to the greater movements for food sovereignty around the world. First of all, there is GRAIN's Board that met twice during the year



and is on constant call for advice and support. Beyond the staff, a range of people collaborate with GRAIN in one capacity or another. They help us with web development, translations, graphic design, outreach and more. We are extremely grateful for their skilful help, commitment and partnership. We also thank our diverse set of funders who share our mission and allow us autonomy and flexibility.



Zoom action from La Via Campesina in support of Indian farmers. Photo : La Via Campesina

Annex: GRAIN publications in 2020

GRAIN released over 20 original reports in 2020, often in collaboration with partners and nearly all translated into three or more languages. Below is the list of our 2020 publications, organised by programme area.

Communications, outreach and organisational development

GRAIN in 2019: Highlights of our activities

Video: A journey through 30 years supporting the struggle for food sovereignty Lessons learned from 30 years of GRAIN

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Building a factory farmed future, one pandemic at a time

New research suggests industrial livestock, not wet markets, might be origin of <u>Covid-19</u>

Profits above all: world's largest pork company propagates global pandemics

Millions forced to choose between hunger or Covid-19

Perils of the US-India free trade agreement for Indian farmers

Atlas del Agronegocio Transgénico en el Cono Sur. Monocultivos, resistencias y propuestas de los pueblos

What do FTAs mean for African women? A critical look into the African Continental Free Trade Area

Barbarians at the barn: private equity sinks its teeth into agriculture

Land grabbing and the struggle for land

The misnamed "Mayan Train" : Multimodal land grabbing

Harvard's land grabs in Brazil are a disaster for communities and a warning to speculators

Land grabs at gunpoint: Thousands of families are being violently evicted from their farms to make way for foreign-owned plantations in Kiryandongo, Uganda

Digital fences: the financial enclosure of farmlands in South America Toxic river: the fight to reclaim water from oil palm plantations in Indonesia From political coup to land destruction in Brazil TIAA and Harvard's Brazilian farm deals judged illegal

People's controls over seeds

To care for our seeds: Biodiversity booklets

Trade deals handing Japanese seeds to multinational corporations

Food sovereignty to fight the climate crisis

What does factory farming have to do with the climate crisis? Video version "What does factory farming have to do with the climate crisis?" Comic strip edition

Blog articles

"Gates Ag One": one more push to get farmers into high tech

Resisting RCEP from the ground up: Indian movements show the way

再见 Hengfu (Goodbye, Hengfu)

Land grabbing by agribusiness also claims lives in Latin America

Fish farming corporations make a lame attempt to solve their big deforestation problem

GRAIN: 30 years supporting the struggle for food sovereignty

Unravelling the Socfin/Bolloré plantations, thanks to Profundo

Cargill knew! The world's largest agribusiness company knowingly risked the health of its workers during the Covid-19 pandemic to maximise profits

The dangers of legalising public land theft in Brazil : agribusiness, deforestation, and the melting pot of future pandemics

Agribusiness must be quarantined!

"Business as usual" at Socfin and Bolloré...

Time to turn the tide on industrial animal farming: path towards post-pandemic sustainable food systems

An urgent look at the food system - A collective research effort from below

Agro-imperialism in the time of Covid-19

Development banks must be held accountable for their disastrous oil palm plantation investments in the Congo

The enduring legacy of a little-known World Bank project to secure African plantations for European billionaires

GRAIN extends its solidarity support to farmers protesting in Delhi, India

Supermarket Watch Asia Bulletin

#17: Fresh markets are not to blame for the new corona virus outbreak

#18: Food retail in times of Covid-19

#19: Between free trade and local markets: Thailand's attempt to enter CPTPP negotiations meets opposition again

#20: International Street Vendors' Day and the need for collective struggle

Biodiversidad magazine

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¿Chanchos para China?

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Soberanía Alimentaria magazine

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38. Alimentación, de esencial a radical

39. El debate de las nuevas tecnologías



Selected webinars where GRAIN staff presented, 2020

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Webinar title	Date	Hosted by
América Latina: La ganadería insostenible y sus alternativas en tiempos de COVID-19	14 April	Global Forest Coalition
Por que a culpa não é do morcego?	16 April	Midia Ninja/Ecoinspiração
Webinario sobre impacto climático del acuerdo Mercosur - Unión Europea	19 May	Amigos de la Tierra España
El agronegocio transgénico en Paraguay	20 May	Acción por la Biodiversidad
Feminist Economy for life	20 May	World March of Women
Foro virtual "¿Qué hay detrás de los transgénicos? Tenencia de la tierra, agronegocio y rendimientos"	4 June	Fundación Tierra de Bolivia
Debate on Cerrado	5 June	Popular Forum of Nature
Transgénicos en Puerto Rico y Argentina	11 June	Nada Santo sobre Monsanto y la organización Boricua de Puerto Rico (CLOC-VC Puerto Rico)
Conversatorio Vicentín y los debates en torno a la soberanía alimentaria	24 June	Colectivo de Comunicación Huerquén
La ruta de la soya	29 June	Revista Soberanía Alimentaria
Conversatorio Virtual: Semillas. Una disputa central para la soberanía alimentaria	8 July	Rosa Luxemburg
India - US Free Trade Agreement: Nothing free about it!	29 July	Indian Coordination Committee of Farmers' Movements - ICCFM
Conversatorio Virtual: Cerdos para China	30 July	Huerquen comunicación en colectivo
Trade Deal between India and the US: What is on the menu?	4 August	TWN and IT for Change
US-India FTA	5 August	Indian Coordination Committee of Farmers' Movements - ICCFM

Webinar title	Date	Hosted by
From Gates to your Plates	5 August	Stop Golden Rice Network
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