

VISION

Full realisation of the right to adequate food and to feed oneself in dignity.

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Empowering the people, in particular the vulnerable and marginalized communities, to attain and enjoy the right to adequate food and to lead a dignified and better life.

And also making the state accountable towards national and international human right commitments.

Sensitising the people to make the right to feed oneself as a mainstream issue of state

About FIAN India

FIAN India is a part of FIAN International. FIAN, is an international human rights organization working for progressive realization of the right to adequate food as a human right described in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. FIAN India is a network of several independent FIAN chapters and coordinations, which are working in different states of the country. FIAN India is a grassroots oriented organization without political or religious affiliations.

The origin of FIAN India could be traced back to 1991, when its different chapters started taking shape. FIAN India has a federal structure and it has branches in five states of the country i.e. Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Recently FIAN has established an office in Delhi for effective communication and coordination. FIAN India aims at increasing the accountability of the State for full



realization of Human Right to Food, so that every person in India can have access to adequate food.

FIAN India intervenes in situations where right to food

and livelihoods are violated. In its work, FIAN units in India cooperate closely with victims of violations of right to food - landless and small peasants, rural workers, indigenous people, women, the unemployed and urban poor. FIAN India's activities include documenting violations of right to food in the country and to expose these incidents to the national and international civil society. It also means standing up against “ unjust and discriminatory” practices that prevent people from feeding themselves. FIAN advocates for a form of globalization that respects human rights to food and feed oneself for all and recognizes social and ecological standards.



The Structure of FIAN India

FIAN India is a network of various independent FIAN units in different states of the country. In the year of 2000 all the units of FIAN in India decided to develop a national structure of FIAN for effective communication and collaboration. To this end a National Steering Committee (NSC) was developed in 2003, consisting representatives of all FIAN units in India. NSC has set-up a coordination office in Delhi for further networking. FIAN India is a non-profit organisation and affiliated to FIAN International, a Germany-based human rights organisation that works for the implementation of economic, social and cultural human rights (ESC rights), in general and the right to adequate food in particular.

FIAN India is a membership-based organisation largely relying on voluntary work in FIAN groups and sections in the country. FIAN India's key members are its chapters and coordination, which are legal entities in their own right and have their own membership. They are decision-making bodies but work within the FIAN

India mandate. FIAN India has 3 chapters: in Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh. The first stage of developing a chapter is the foundation of a co-ordinating group. There are 2 FIAN coordination in India: Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. On the local level, members of FIAN chapters form groups based on voluntary work. These groups work on the local level towards raising public awareness about the right to food. On the national and international levels the members of groups participate in protest letter campaigns and work on specific cases of violations that have been adopted by FIAN India or FIAN International. FIAN India has some 40 active local groups and total membership of FIAN India currently stands at around 3,300.

The executive body of FIAN India is NSC consisting of the delegates of the all FIAN units of the country. NSC meets bi-annually and defines FIAN's policy framework for India. Currently, the NSC consists of 5 representatives of FIAN units in India. Each FIAN unit has its own secretariat and FIAN India has also an office in Delhi for coordination purposes.



Take Part

We need your support to mainstream right to food issue in India for empowering the victims to fully realize the right to food and feed one. Your help is needed.

- Take part in protest letter campaigns of FIAN India
- Be a member of any chapter of FIAN India and join our global network
- Help us to work better by donating resources
- Build a FIAN group in your area/state

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