

## **FIAN India Brochure**

### **VISION**

Full realisation of the right to adequate food and 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 to lead a dignified and better life.

Make the state accountable towards the national and international human rights commitments.  
Sensitising the people to make the right to feed oneself as a mainstream issue of state

### **About FIAN India**

Food first Information & Action Network, India, popularly known, as 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, a human right as described in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. FIAN India is a network of several independent state FIAN chapters and groups working in different states of the country.

FIAN India has a federal structure and has chapters in six states of the country i.e. Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Rajasthan Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. FIAN groups are also working in Delhi, Kerla, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Uttarkhand . Its national office is situated in Delhi. FIAN India aims to increase 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, unemployed and urban poor. FIAN India's activities include measures of 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 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 non-profit organization registered in Delhi and affiliated to FIAN International having international secretariat in Heidelberg, Germany. It 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 organization largely relying on voluntary work. FIAN India's key members are its chapters and groups, which are legal entities in their own right and have their own membership and elected decision-making bodies but work within the FIAN India mandate.

The highest decision making body of FIAN India is a National Assembly consisting of the delegates of the all FIAN chapters of the country and used to meet at least once in every two years and elect National Executive Committee ( NEC) office bearers and election committee for two years only.. NSC meets bi-annually and defines FIAN's policy framework for India. Each FIAN state chapter has its own general assembly, executive board and secretariat.

### **Our Focus**

- Providing a clear illustration of Indian state's compliance with its human rights obligations.
- Analyzing the government policies towards realization of right to food and feed oneself.
- Documenting concrete cases of violations of right to food.
- Increasing general awareness and education about right to food.
- Developing network with like-minded NGOs, movements, lawyers, state representatives and other concerned citizens.
- Creating a platform for CSOs to raise voices and to influence policy/implementation decisions of the state for full realization of right to food and feed oneself.

### **Take Part**

We need your support to mainstream right to food 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 or group of FIAN India and join our global network
- Help us to work better by donating some resources
- Build a FIAN group in your area/state

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