

LAND GRABS

TAKE ACTION TO STOP THE INJUSTICE

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Land grabs are not a new problem, but the scale of them is a growing scandal. Since food price rises of 2008, more and more wealthy companies have been buying land in poor countries, often at knock-down prices.

But in many cases, the land sold to them by the government is needed by poor families to grow their food. These families are thrown off the land, with little or no warning or compensation, in some cases violently.

The land may then be left idle to grow in value, or used in ways that don't put food in people's mouths.

WHY LAND GRABS?

In the past decade, an area of land eight times the size of the UK has been sold off globally. World Bank and IMF research has shown that most of the land being sold off is in the poorest countries with the weakest protection of people's land rights.

It's time for effective global action to get these land grabs under control, to ensure that local communities receive the benefits of land investments, and to make sure that governments provide land for small-scale farmers, especially women, who produce the majority of the world's food.

WHAT DO WE WANT?

Investors, governments and international organisations need to put a stop to Land Grabs. In 2013 we want the UK government to promote a freeze on land deals at the World Bank and to put land grabbing on the agenda of the G8 meeting in the UK.

We need your help to get the story of land grabs out there and convince those with power to change.



Campaigners stage their own land grabs to raise awareness



For support with taking action, get in touch with Oxfam's Youth & Schools Team:
youthteam@oxfam.org.uk

Send in pictures and stories about taking your action to youthteam@oxfam.org.uk for a chance to be featured on our youth blog: www.oxfam.org.uk/youth



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WHAT CAN YOU DO?

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Want to do something about stopping Land Grabs? Use the activities below to make up a series of challenges for your Youth Achievement Award.

You can use any of the activities below to make up a full challenge – remember to record what you have done and how long it takes. You need to spend at least 15 hours working on the activities.

You can also mix and match challenges on other Oxfam campaigns to complete your award.

Not doing the award? You can still do any of the activities outlines below and be part of a global campaign to stop land grabs. Remember to tell us what you have done so we can make sure every-one's voice is loud and proud! youth@oxfam.org.uk

Gold

Planning and leading
Activities
7 challenges!

- Plan and run a session to introduce your group to the issue – use the Oxfam resources.
- Go to www.oxfam.org.uk to find out most up-to-date information on the campaign – direct members of your group to find out specific facts to create a fact sheet.
 - What is the problem?
 - What are they key facts?
 - Who should we be influencing?
- Organise your group to 'grab' a piece of land or public space to raise awareness of the issue – then lead the grab encouraging others to take part (make sure you get permission from the relevant authorities).
- Take a photo of your grab and send it with a press release to your local newspaper to get the story out further.
- Take responsibility for your group to design a creative petition aimed at getting your friends to share their thoughts and add their voice to the campaign to send to your MP.
- Write a blog about your Land Grab activities and send it to Oxfam to go on oxfam.org.uk/youth

Silver

Helping to Organise
Activities
6 challenges!

- As a group go to www.oxfam.org.uk to find out most up-to-date information on the campaign.
- Buddy up to research Oxfam's land grabs campaign. Then arrange a group discussion to agree what you think are the most important points.
- Help to lead an activity in a session to introduce the issue to your group, using the Oxfam resources.
- In a team arrange the date, resources or promotion for your own land grab activity. Then you can collaboratively write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper about what you think about land grabs, or send them a press release about your own land grab.
- Next, help to write a blog about your Land Grab activities and send it to Oxfam to go on oxfam.org.uk/youth

Bronze

Taking Part in
Activities
4 challenges!

- Attend a group meeting to find out some information about Oxfam's Land Freeze campaign.
- Take part in a workshop for activity to learn more about the issues and campaign.
- Get involved and participate in a land grab activity.
- Hand out a fact sheet to your peers with key information from your group members.
- Add you name to a petition to put a freeze on unjust land deals.
- Contribute to the making of a poster showing key facts about land grabs (and put it up!).

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