

# Allies for the land



1000 CASES



# Regional Movement for Land and Territory

From resistance to protagonism

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The Regional Movement for Land and Territory was born in reaction to these approaches and practices, proposing a renewed look of the rural issue.

The Movement is an initiative that contributes in a complementary way to the claiming agendas of peasant and indigenous organizations and the debate over rural life, natural resources and food sovereignty against capitalism, the expansion of large states and agribusinesses.

The Movement promotes a point of view born in the attachment and the return to land, highlighting good practices of access, control and production that allow glimpsing alternatives from the countryside. With this, the Movement seeks to influence the public agenda, and rural/urban society, about the relevance of considering countryside and peasant-indigenous family agriculture as a real, dynamic, effective and successful possibility.

Promoting a change of perspective on the rural issue, its populations, territories and proposals requires the mobilization of the Allies for the land in all South America.

Adding thousand cases of access to land for peasant, indigenous and afro-descendants is a massive process of reflection that begins to awaken actions and concrete incidence.

The thousand rural experiences can inspire a thousand responses to the global food crisis and climate change that capitalism does not have.

### Why a Regional Movement for Land and Territory?

Traditionally, rural development refers to concepts such as poverty, expulsion, unsatisfied needs, marginalization, malnutrition, unsustainability, etc. We must recognize that this reading has become a repetitive and rigid discourse that functionalizes the rural development notion to a type of public policy that relegates and underestimates country life.



### Main actions

The Movement proposes an open reflection and a creative methodological exercise to recognize in peasants and indigenous subjects the leadership in their lives, the dignity in their stories and the proactive relationship with their environment.

The Movement promotes the **systematization of thousand case studies** on concrete and inspiring experiences of access to land, through the **establishment of partnerships** with individuals, organizations and institutions that have been building joints and rural-urban empathies, and transgress the traditional ways of building knowledge.

The Allies for the land organize different activities, **meetings and mobilization** in South America, to promote innovative strategies of rural populations to sustain life in the countryside and its potential to develop productive models as alternatives to capitalism.

The Movement generates **processes of exchange and mutual learning** between organizations and institutions from different countries, shares experiences and enriches **lobbying strategies** of each of

them, in addition to providing the possibility of articulations for incidence at the regional level.

The Movement shows that young people and women opt for land and engage in agriculture; therefore, they must be protagonists of public policies on access to land, control and territory management, sustainable family production of food and rural development in general.

By adding voices and images of people who bet on the countryside, the Movement is a unique initiative of its kind, which allows nurturing a comparative and purposeful analysis from the study of local and national realities to build a regional perspective.

To date, the Movement has identified and systematized over 100 experiences of access to land, successful cases of small family farmers, rural communities and indigenous and afro-descendant peoples in South America and has about 200 cases in different elaboration processes.

These studies were made possible with the partnership of more than 40 actors who reflect on rural issues from a rural perspective in South America. We are more than 900 people mobilized, including academics and activists, in various processes and actions of reflection, debate and proposals.

