

TOP FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE GLOBAL LAND RUSH

- * **RISING FOOD PRICES** and a demand for new fuels have caused a huge rush of big land grabs
- * **EVERY SECOND**, poor countries lose an area of land the size of a soccer field to banks and private investors
- * **TWO THIRDS OF FOREIGN LAND DEALS** take place in developing countries with serious hunger problems
- * **SIXTY PERCENT OF LAND DEALS** over the past decade have been to grow crops to produce biofuels rather than food
- * **POOR FAMILIES** are losing the land they rely on to grow food—often evicted without fair treatment or compensation.
- * The **WORLD BANK'S OWN RESEARCH** reveals that countries with the most large scale land deals are those with the poorest protection of people's land rights.
- * In the last four years, **21 FORMAL COMPLAINTS** have been brought by communities affected by World Bank projects that they say have violated their rights.

THE SCALE AND PACE OF LAND ACQUISITION OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS IS STAGGERING

- 203 MILLION HECTARES** The total area of land acquired over the past ten years — greater than the combined area of the three Prairie Provinces
- 106 MILLION HECTARES** The total area acquired in developing countries over the past ten years — equivalent to the size of Ontario
- 56 MILLION HECTARES** The total area acquired in Africa — greater than all of Atlantic Canada (Newfoundland and the three Maritime provinces combined are equal to 53,905,064 hectares)

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