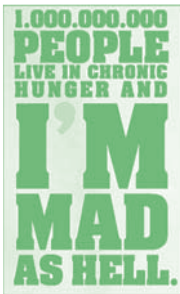


Please sign FAO's 1billionhungry campaign

"One child dies every six seconds and 5 million children every year," said FAO's Director-General Jacques Diouf. "We should be extremely angry for the outrageous fact that our fellow human beings continue to suffer from hunger. If you feel the same way, I want you to voice that anger. All of you, rich and poor, young and old, in developing and developed countries, express your anger about world hunger by adding your names to



Five million children die each year from chronic hunger, 15 000 children each day, one child every six seconds.

Why does hunger exist? Lack of food is not the problem. Enough food is produced in the world today for everyone to be properly nourished and lead a healthy and productive life. Hunger exists because of poverty. It exists because natural disasters, such as earthquakes, floods and droughts, sometimes occur in places where poor people have little or no means to rebuild once the damage is done. It exists because in many countries women, although they do much of the farming, do not have as much access as men to training, credit or land. Hunger exists because of conflict. It exists because poor people do not have access to land or solid agricultural infrastructure to produce viable crops or keep livestock, or to steady work that would otherwise allow them access to food. It exists because people sometimes use natural resources in ways that are not sustainable. It exists because there is not enough investment in the rural sector. Hunger exists because financial and economic crises affect the poor most of all by reducing or eliminating the sources of income they depend on to survive.

the global 1 billion hungry petition at www.1billionhungry.org," he said.

The online petition calls on national and international leaders to move the eradication of hunger to the top of the political agenda. FAO hopes the petition will spread through social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

Please help FAO by signing the petition at www.1billionhungry.org (Please see page 64 for more information.)

Comments received

Reader from the Philippines

I must congratulate you for the always up to date information on NWFPS. I am sure I will be able to pick up so much new information from your publication, which is really good.

Reader from Italy

It was worth waiting for the bamboo publication to arrive: it came with a treasure of printed material I really appreciate. You see, I'm not (yet) 100 percent digital, and it's a pleasure to browse through articles, topics and features the old way.

Reader from India

We [myself and my labmates] received the 20th issue and are highly grateful to you. Please accept our hearty congratulations to you and your team working for *Non-Wood News* for covering information from throughout the world, including the workshops/conferences/seminars, etc. The list of publications is also helpful to the members to purchase. I express my deep sense of gratitude for publication of my article on *Pimpinella tirupatiensis*.

Reader from Nepal

Thank you very much for regularly sending NTFPs information for me. This news is very important to know world activities on MAPs.

Reader from Germany

It is always a pleasure to receive *Non-Wood News*.

Reader from the United States of America

Hello and congratulations on the 20th Anniversary of your *Non-Wood News*! I really look forward to receiving it and keeping up to date with this important aspect of ethnobotany.

You have and continue to produce a rich variety of articles on non-timber forest products, enriching the understanding and

knowledge of this important field on a global basis.

Reader from Mexico

I know the bulletin *Non-Wood News*; this is an excellent material for my academic field.

Reader from Italy

À tous les membres de l'équipe de rédaction de la revue *Non-Wood News*, mes chaleureux remerciements pour la production et l'envoi de votre revue, que je lis toujours avec beaucoup d'intérêt.

Reader from Germany

Again I have the pleasure to thank you for the informative last issue of *Non-Wood News*. Let me assure you that your work is highly appreciated and of value to the many interested ones who would never get access to this manifold information. ♣



CONTRIBUTIONS TO NON-WOOD NEWS

A strong characteristic of *Non-Wood News* is that it is open to contributions from readers. Should you have any interesting material on any aspect of NWFPS that could be of benefit to all our readers, please do not hesitate to submit it. Articles are welcomed in English, French and Spanish and should be between 200–500 words.

The deadline for contributions for *Non-Wood News* 21 is 15 January 2011.

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