
Amplifying Smallholder
Voices:
How Their
Transformation Can
Revolutionize the
World Food
System



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Solutions for Empowering Smallholders

What smallholders can do?

Recommendations and suggestions from smallholders

Support required from Governments, UN & other policy makers

Introduction

Smallholder farmers are essential for sustainable food systems. They produce over 70% of world's food, yet often lack resources and markets.

Empowering smallholders is key to transforming the world system for better



Challenges Faced by Smallholders

Smallholders are farmers who own or operate small and family farms. They are an important part of the global food system, producing a significant portion of the world's food. However, smallholders often face challenges, such as a lack of access to land, water, seed and credits. They are also vulnerable to climate disasters and other shocks. Despite these challenges, smallholders can play a key role in transformation of the food systems



Some better things Smallholders can do

Adopting natural sustainable agricultural practices

Increasing productivity

Improving market access with better rates

Defending rights

Strengthening Farmer organizations

Establishing farmers' cooperatives



Suggestions & Recommendation to support Smallholders

Investing in research and development

Providing access to credits

Support farmer-led research and innovation

Empower women and youth farmers

There are a number of youth-led initiatives that are working

Promote agroecology

Invest in rural infrastructure

Ensuring that smallholders have access to land, forests and other natural resources

Action points and recommendations for governments, UN, FAO and International institutions

Implement a democratic and extensive agrarian and land reforms which allows the peoples to have sovereignty over their natural resources and over their food on both the production and the distribution processes. End feudalism in any shape from the lives of the farmers.





Recognize the work we (smallholders) are already doing and promote successful examples of our ability to feed people. While we produce and exchange the majority of the world's food, our markets are largely ignored in policy of governments and institutions.

Trade is needed but a different kind, which does not exploit people, nature and benefits communities and not corporations.

Scale out and up Peasant Agroecology as a solution to climate crisis, loss of biodiversity and soil fertility. Due to unsustainable industrial agricultural practices, we see a unique opportunity for agroecology as many countries want to transition to “sustainable farming methods” and reduce use of toxic agro-inputs.



— Implement UNDROP through creating a UN special procedure and mainstreaming the declaration in FAO, other Rome-based agencies in relation to food and agricultural policies, and also the UN Decade of Family Farming. This would allow referencing of UNDROP in policies to reshape and transform





Conclusion:

Empowering smallholders is crucial for transforming the world food system. By providing smallholders with the resources and support they need, we can create more sustainable, equitable and resilient food system for all

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Further helpful material regarding this:

A report by ETC group, who will feed us

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