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INTERNATIONAL DAY  
OF PEASANT STRUGGLES

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# HIGHLIGHTS



During the month of April 2020, La Via Campesina and allies carried out creative mobilisations, and amplified the voices of rural communities and small-scale food producers.

The solidarity actions reminded the world that peasants and rural workers continued to work in the farms and feed the world, even in times of the pandemic.

In a press release, the global peasant movement called upon the people to till, sow and harvest transformative ideas for the future! [Read](#) the demands put forth by the movement in this regard >>>

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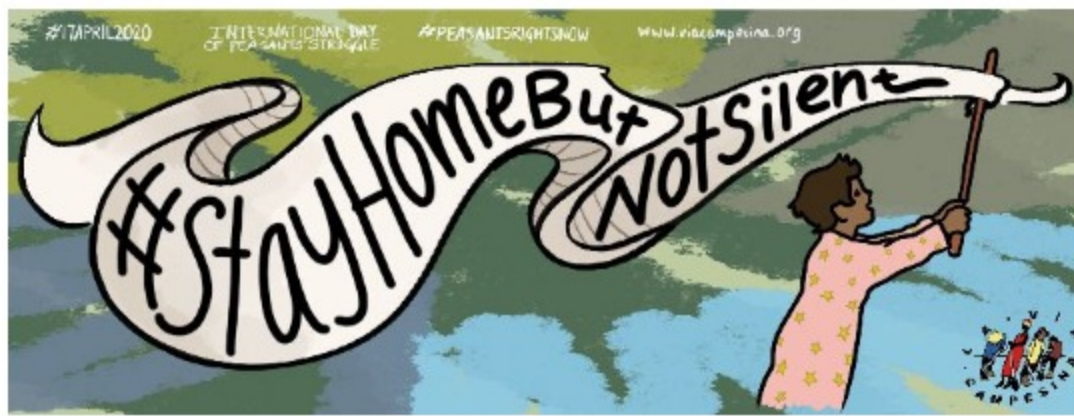
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Several members of La Via Campesina carried out solidarity actions during the month of April and it is challenging to capture all of that in a single newsletter. Many of these actions are recorded on the websites, facebook pages and Twitter pages of our members. You can also visit the [official Facebook page of Via Campesina](#) or the movements [Twitter handle](#) to catch a glimpse of the several actions that took place in countries around the world. On the official website of La Via Campesina, the news related to 17 April mobilisations are archived [here](#).



In April of 1996, 21 farm workers were murdered; those who survived turned their pain into struggle. Brasil De Fato recounts the massacre at Eldorado do Carajás 24 years ago: "A day not to be forgotten". [Read here](#)

On International Day of Peasants' Struggle La Via Campesina released an **illustrated version of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas (UNDROP)**.

Through compelling visuals that were carefully crafted by Sophie Hollin, this book aims to popularise the contents of the UN Declaration and spread awareness about it among rural communities. The book, originally produced in English, Spanish and French, will also be available as an open-source document for social movements to adapt and translate into local languages.



UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF PEASANTS AND OTHER PEOPLE WORKING IN RURAL AREAS  
- Book of Illustrations -

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In this video we explain how COVID-19 is impacting peasants and food producers around the world.

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