Sustainable Production and Consumption of Highly Hazardous Pesticides and Chemicals??
Life Cycle approaches to Chemicals and Waste management

Consumption and production follows the ongoing dominant paradigm of increasing production and therefore the current consumption patterns. Consumer Awareness and education is important but what is missing the responsibility and accountability of corporations.

Ongoing worsen the situation of the environment and the people. This can be seen in the crises in food, climate, reduced biodiversity, depleted natural resources, increasing violation of people’s rights and inequality.

What we are seeing the corporate drive for profit is intensifying plunders of resources as seen in the massive land grabbing for industrial plantations, and control of water and seeds resulting to hunger, malnutrition and use of pesticides and fertilizers that contaminate land, water and air and human health.
OF RIGHTS AND POISONS: ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE AGROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY

COUNTRIES SURVEYED
Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Vietnam, and the Philippines.

RESPONDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

2,025
Women and men farmers, agricultural workers, indigenous peoples and children

51% MALE

31% FEMALE

35%  Aged 30-59 years old

20% without formal education
12% attended preschool
42% elementary graduates
Violations of HUMAN RIGHTS of agri-corporations

• Agrochemical TNCs Syngenta, Dow, Monsanto, Bayer, and BASF are exposing communities to pesticides by producing Highly Hazardous Pesticides.

• The right to life and health of farmers, agricultural workers, indigenous peoples, and women and children, in various agricultural communities are violated through exposure to pesticides.

• Companies know full well these HHPs cause human health, corporations still continue to produce and sell these poisons under appalling conditions of use in developing countries.

• Communities suffer health problems and Corporations are making huge profits from these pesticides.
Other violations

• Violations of the right to a safe working environment and labour rights - Working conditions on plantations are often dangerous and inhumane.

• Violations of children’s rights; indigenous peoples rights and women
HIGHLY HAZARDOUS PESTICIDES (HHPS)

The study revealed that 49 highly hazardous pesticides (HHPs) were in use in the region.

Lambda-cyhalothrin was found in six countries; glyphosate, paraquat, and cypermethrin were found in five countries; and chlorpyrifos in four countries.
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) USED

No 52%
Yes 48%

ACCESS TO TRAINING ON PESTICIDE USE

No 72%
Yes 28%

Picture of worker during pesticide mixing in PT. ANJ
7 out of 10 people interviewed suffer pesticide poisoning.

**Health Symptoms Reported**

- **Headache**: 24%
- **Dizziness**: 17%
- **Blurred Vision**: 8%
- **Nausea**: 7%
- **Breathing Difficulties**: 6%
- **Skin Rashes**: 6%
- **Others**: 18%
- **Exc. Sweating**: 14%
- **Excessive Sweating**: 14%

* Breathing Difficulties

** Excessive Sweating
Way forward

Governments and International Agencies/Communities:
• adhere to environmental laws that respond to precautionary and polluter pays principles;
• respect workers’ and farmers’ rights in accordance with national laws and regulations and international conventions

• Support the process of the UN Open-Ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Transnational Corporations and Other Business Enterprises with Respect to Human Rights and the Binding Treaty. This ongoing process to establish a legally binding instrument at the level of the UN aims to ensure that companies, including the agrochemical TNCs and plantation operators, are held responsible and accountable for their actions.
Strategic Approach on International Chemicals Management – Recommendations to include Legally Elements

LEGALLY BINDING TREATY ON HIGHLY HAZARDOUS PESTICIDES

An introduction and a proposal on the legally binding treaty on HHPs
Strengthening of Farmers, Women’s and small food producers Movements

- Land to landless
- Access to Seeds and Water and other resources
- End to discrimination and exclusion
- Food Sovereignty

- Building specific areas of collaboration with peoples movements with local governments to move agroecology!
THANK YOU!

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ABOUT PANAP

PAN Asia Pacific (PANAP) is one of five regional centres of Pesticide Action Network, a global network dedicated to the elimination of harm upon humans and the environment by pesticide use. Alongside this, it also focuses on promoting agroecology.