

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**

35%

Aged 30-59 years old



**51%
MALE**



**31%
FEMALE**



**20% without
formal education
12% attended pre-
school
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 used in the region

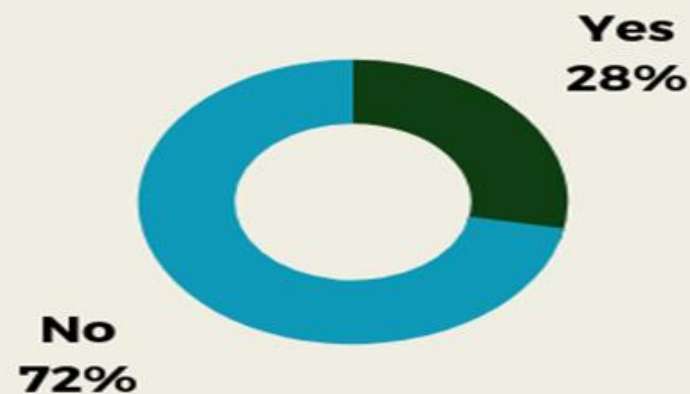
Lambda-cyhalothrin was found in six countries; glyphosate, paraquat, and cypermethrin were found in five countries; and chlorpyrifos in four countries.



PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) USED



ACCESS TO TRAINING ON PESTICIDE USE

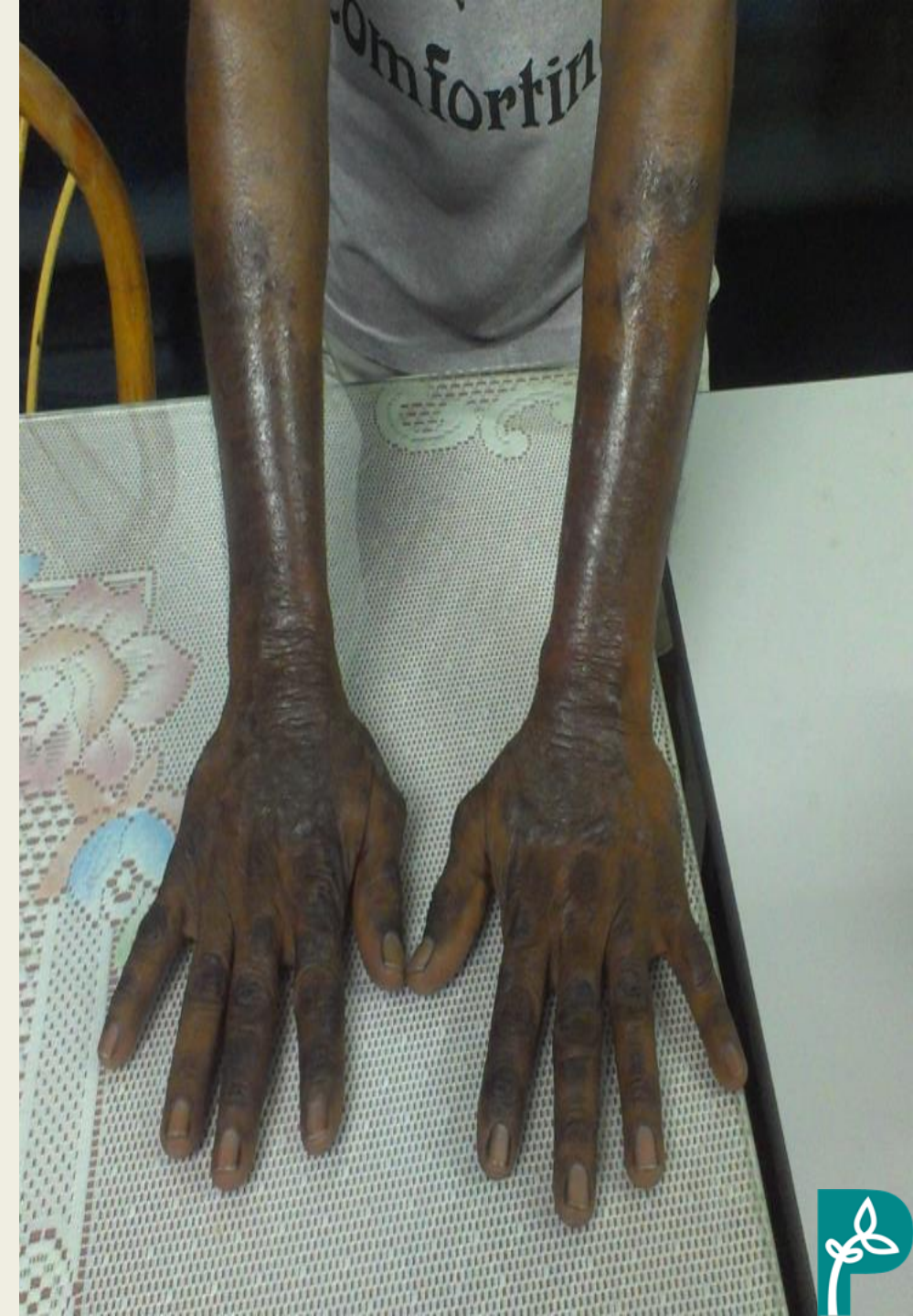
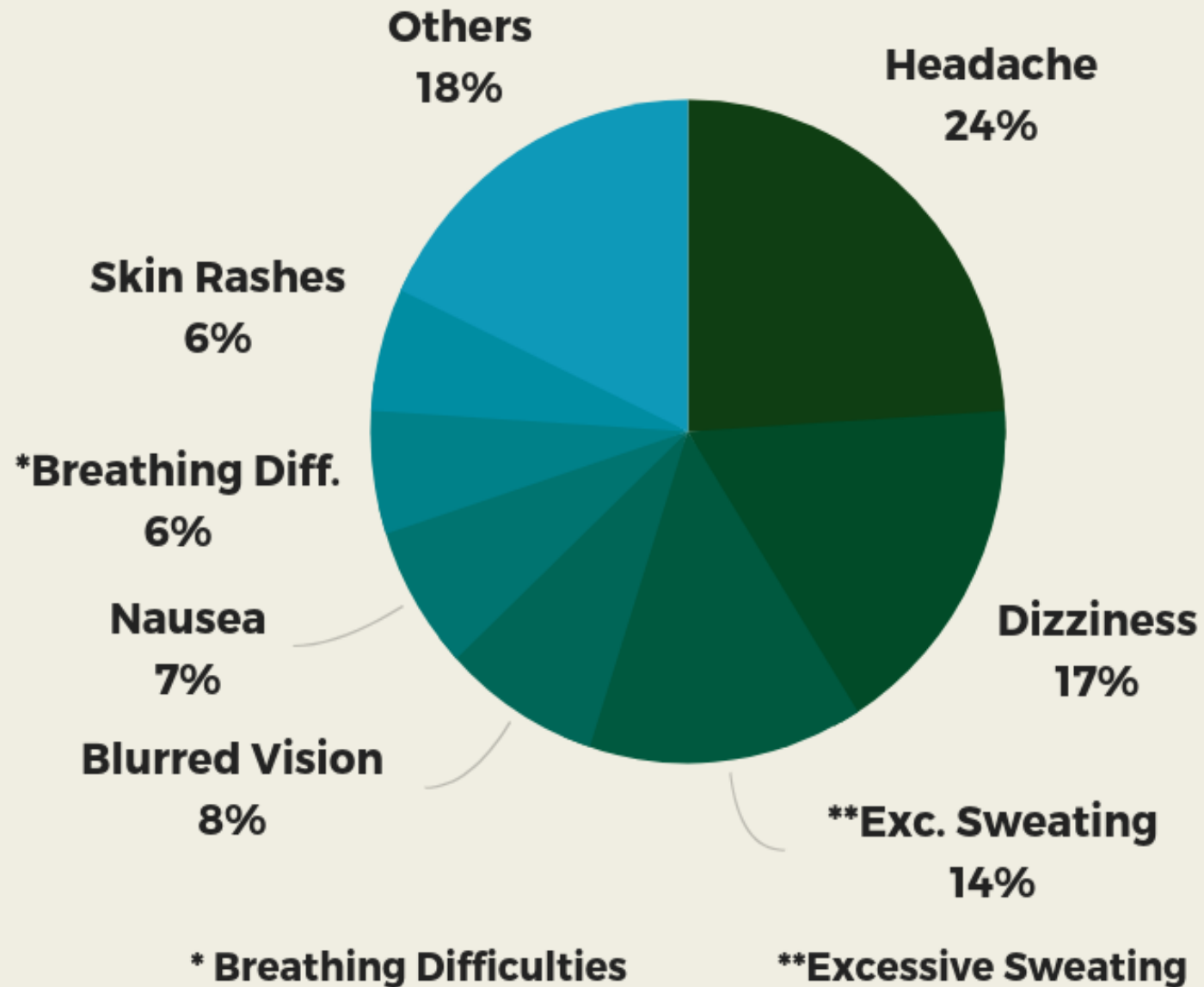


Picture of worker during pesticide mixing in PT. ANJ



HEALTH SYMPTOMS REPORTED

7 out of 10 people interviewed suffer pesticide poisoning




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

The image shows a large, multi-tiered conference hall filled with delegates seated at long tables, likely during a United Nations meeting. A teal-colored rectangular overlay is positioned in the center-right of the image, containing white text. The text reads: 'LEGALLY BINDING TREATY ON HIGHLY HAZARDOUS PESTICIDES'. Below this, in a smaller font, it says: 'An introduction and a proposal on the legally binding treaty on HHPs'. The background of the teal overlay features faint, stylized images of chemical structures and laboratory equipment. The conference hall itself has a red carpeted aisle, and several people are walking in the foreground. In the background, a banner with the word 'AMSTERDAM' is partially visible.

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!**

A photograph of several farmers working in a paddy field. They are bent over, harvesting rice plants. The field is filled with green rice stalks and some water. The background shows more greenery and a clear sky. The text "THANK YOU!" is overlaid in large, white, bold letters across the center of the image.

THANK YOU!

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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.