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The Marracuene agroecology project in a video, proud of it!



About 70% of the population in the world get their food from small-scale food producers, small scale farmers, pastoralists, fishers, hunters and gatherers. Small-scale farming has been recognised as the key to ending poverty. The More and Better Network started the Marracuene Agroecology pilot project, in June 2015 in Mozambique. The project is unique, sustainable and focuses on agroecological production, increasing the autonomy of local communities and putting farmers in the “driving seat” of decision-making. We are proud of

it and happy to share with you the video that tells you more about it

The video is a collaboration of [More and Better](#), the Heidehof Stiftung and the Center for Agroecology, Water and Resilience (CAWR) of the Coventry University and you can find it [here](#), enjoy it!

**Support to small-scale agriculture and agroecology to reach SDGs,
the list of signatories is growing**



We are happy to announce that our [open letter on SDGs and agriculture](#) has collected more than 120 signatories organizations from all over the world. We still wish to see this number growing. If you agree with the content of the letter and has not signed yet, get your organization on board and spread the voice as much as possible. We will collect signatures until the start of the 44th session of the Committee on World Food Security, in Rome, October. If you wish to list your organizations among the signatories, please write to secretariat@moreandbetter.org, the letter and the updated list will be available at www.moreandbetter.org in English, French and Spanish.

World hunger on the rise again, reversing years of progress



According to the statement of FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva at the opening of the agency's biennial conference (3-8 July), the number of hungry people in the world has increased since 2015, reversing years of progress. Climate change phenomenon and conflicts in places like northeast Nigeria Somalia, South Sudan, Nigeria and Yemen had worsened the global famine situation, with 20 million people severely affected. Strong political commitment and the translation of the pledges into action at national and local level are identified by Jose graziano de Silva as key issues to defeat hunger. Pormotion of sustainable agriculture along with mitigation and adaptation to climate change, poverty reduction, water scarcity, migration and support for rural populations affected by conflicts will be among the priorities of FAO for the next two years.

Source: FAO

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Building Food Sovereignty | April edition of Farming Matters



Food sovereignty is a self-organised, grassroots response to today's problematic food and farming system. Diverse people, such as producers, consumers, peasants, migrant farm workers and urban citizens, to name a few, are uniting around initiatives to regain control over their food and natural resources.

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Some events on food and agriculture in 2017

- October 7-8 CSM Forum, FAO, Rome, Italy
<http://www.csm4cfs.org/csm-forum-2017/>
- October 9-13 CFS 44, FAO, Rome, Italy
<http://www.fao.org/cfs/home/plenary/cfs44/en/>



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