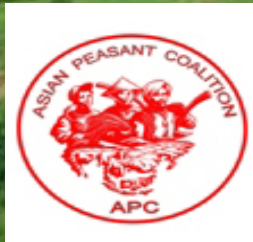
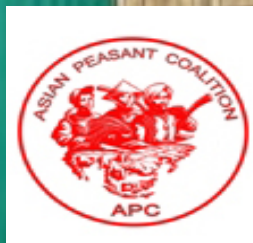
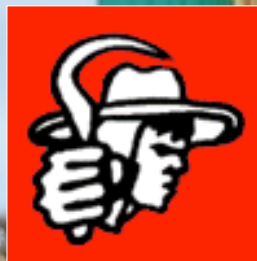


Why CDM Project in Isabela Should Be Rejected





International Fact Finding Mission (IFFM)
May 30 - June 3, 2011 San Mariano Isabela

Mission Participants



- Action Center for Development and Rights (Japan)
- Advocates of Science and Technology for the People (AGHAM)
- Asian Peasant Coalition
- Danggayán Dagiti Mannalon ti Isabela (Dagami)
- Friends of the Earth - Japan
- Global Forest Coalition
- Katinnulong Dagiti Umili ti Amianan – KADUAMI Northern Luzon
- Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP)
- Organic Consumers Association (USA)
- Philippine Solidarity Network/Stop the Killings Network-Canada/Ontario Committee
- Sentro para sa Tunay na Repormang Agraryo (SENTRA)
- SEARICE
- Anakbayan - Isabela
- Bayan Muna – Isabela





- ⇒ San Mariano is a an agricultural town in east Isabela some 400 kilometers north of Manila.

The CDM Project in Isabela

- In 2006, the local government signed a contract with Green Futures Innovations (GFI) to begin a 6-billion peso bio-ethanol project using sugarcane feedstock.
- To sell electricity produced from the by-products of the sugarcane processing.
- Target 11, 000 hectares covering 17 barangays to be able to produce 125,000 liters of ethanol daily.

- The multi-billion project will produce 100,000 MW of energy annually.
- GFII's facilities are expected to be operational by March 2012, producing 50–55 million liters of bio-ethanol per year
- In April 2011, register as a CDM project



Problems with CDM Project in Isabela

- The people of San Mariano state that the main problem is landgrabbing.
- The claims that bio-ethanol sourced from sugarcane is good for the environment is not completely-true.



- lack of transparent processes - no steps towards genuine community consultation and presented the project as “done deal”



The current status of the CDM project

- the expansion of the bio-ethanol nurseries has been stopped and no additional sites being developed.
- They are just maintaining the same nursery sites.



Conclusion

- The CDM project , is a technical solution being offered to a problem that is not technical.
- The sentiments and position of the affected farmers and residents of San Mariano is to stop the project and they are calling for the implementation of genuine agrarian reform that will strengthen their rights to land and ensure their food security.

