

OAKLAND INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS: RESEARCH AND ACTION TO CHALLENGE LAND GRABS

MASSACHUSETTS – Successfully pressured Harvard University's endowment to pull out of Emergent's land deals. Brought attention to the negative impact of Harvard's investment in Argentine timber plantations.

ENGLAND – Exposed DFID for ignoring violence and abuse of Ethiopians being forcibly moved for land deals. Exposed UK investors, including Sun Biofuels and Emergent Asset Management.

ECO-SKIES – Contested the false solution of biofuels as an option for airlines and exposed the toll on food security worldwide.

SWEDEN AND NORWAY – Highlighted the Swedish Malonda foundation's investment in a crooked land deal in Mozambique and the role of churches.

IOWA – Spurred Iowa State University to cut ties with AgriSol's land deal, the largest in Tanzania.

FRANCE – Exposed corporate titan Vincent Bolloré's company Socfin as a major player behind a massive land grab in Sierra Leone.

CHINA – Exposed a massive laundering scheme of illegal timber from Papua New Guinea.

TENNESSEE – Pushed Vanderbilt University to divest from Emergent Asset Management land deals in Southern Africa.

MALI – Partnered with farmer organizations to document and challenge the fast-moving land grabs occurring in Mali, including the Malibya deal with Libya.

INDIA – Challenged India's large investments in Ethiopia. Organized a summit in New Delhi between Ethiopian activists and Indian civil society, media, and policy makers.

WASHINGTON, DC – Campaign against the World Bank's facilitation of land deals.

SENEGAL – Co-sponsored a civil society summit on improving transparency in land investments with representatives from 25 countries.

SOUTH SUDAN – Public release of the contract and other details leading to the halting of the largest land grab in the world's newest country, involving Nile Trading Co. (US).

SIERRA LEONE – Released documentation and campaigned against land grabs. Sponsored the first national meeting of impacted communities.

ETHIOPIA – Leadership in publicizing the story of forcible, violent displacement of 1.5 million people due to land grabs. Exposed and challenged the complicity of USAID and the UK's DFID in forced evictions. Petitioned President Obama and the UN to change policy.

ARGENTINA – Partnered with and supported Responsible Investment at Harvard Coalition's investigation of Harvard's timber plantations.

CAMEROON – Partnered with local and international groups to stall Herakles Farms plans for replacing rainforest with palm oil plantations. Released company documents and exposed its lies to the government, investors, and local communities.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA – Produced a report and a film to support indigenous struggles and document how more than 5.5 million hectares of land have been given away to foreign corporations.

TANZANIA – Stopped the largest land grab in the country involving AgriSol. The deal would have forcibly moved more than 162,000 people from their homes. Brought this secret project to the world's attention.

MOZAMBIQUE – Exposed the Nordic land grab, including Swedish Malonda foundation's investments and the role of church-based groups from Sweden and Norway as well as private equity funds.

ZAMBIA – Exposed the major role of private equity funds and the complicity of government officials in land grabs through the farm block scheme.

