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ACTION! Land Grabbing

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A suggestion for action. Please share with others who care.

Read up about ‘large-scale land acquisition’ in an African country you are interested in. There are a few references below. If ‘your’ country isn’t here, simply Google the name of the country + land grab and see what you can find – then share anything interesting with me, please! – *Anne Rutter*

Cameroon: *“They bulldozed everything....I feel like dying, I have nothing else but this land.”* The Herakles Farms/ SGSOC's palm oil plantation is one of the best-documented examples of the wrong project, in the wrong place. Their current lease is expected to end this November and that should be the end of it. But they will ask for an extension or a new one that could last up to 99 years! In anticipation of this crucial decision to be made by the Government of Cameroon, EIA has just released a [10-minute video](#) that shows how the large-scale project has impacted the lives of thousands of community members, threatened biodiversity hotspots and failed to meet development promises to local communities in the Southwest region of Cameroon.

DR Congo: The CDC Group, a development aid company wholly owned by the UK government, is funding a Canadian company, *Feronia*, that controls vast palm-oil plantations in the Congo basin. The money should be contributing to the welfare of the local people but conditions for the workers and their families are abysmal. Where is the money going? CDC's continuing funding of Feronia goes against its own ethical code. To find out more read the latest GRAIN report and ask your MP to raise the issue with Priti Patel (International Development). The attached PDF gives some useful detail.

Ghana The Church speaks out and takes action. [Read more](#)

Liberia: Panyonnoh, a 35-year-old palm oil worker and former teacher, and Lee Sworh, a community activist, live in the remote forests of south-east Liberia. Both have been affected by the arrival of Golden Veroleum Liberia to build one of the country's largest palm oil plantations. For Panyonnoh, it offers the chance of a better life but Sworh wants it off the land. [Read more](#) & [Video](#) (8 mins)

Mozambique: The land grabbers of the Nacala corridor [Useful background information](#)

South Sudan [Useful background information.](#)

Tanzania: AEFJN has collaborated with MVIWATA to address challenges facing smallholder farmers such as exclusion from the decision-making process on matters that touch their welfare, low prices of agricultural produce, unreliable markets and lack of access to financial services. [Video](#): (21 mins)