

# Annex: Food and agriculture policies that help or hinder solutions to the climate crisis

Help	Hinder
<b>Farming</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Policies that promote a shift towards agroecology and food sovereignty</li> <li>✓ Policies to encourage crop rotations and diversification</li> <li>✓ Support for natural inputs, tree cover, etc.</li> <li>✓ Collaborative programmes to help farmers to switch to agroecology and improve yields</li> <li>✓ Broad policy support for and led by small-scale farmers and their organisations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Policies that subsidise corporate farming, tax breaks, infrastructure development, etc.</li> <li>✗ Policies that facilitate monoculture commodity farming, promote chemical inputs, etc.</li> <li>✗ Corporate access to national and local governance structures</li> </ul>
<b>Soils &amp; seeds</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Policies and subsidies that encourage non-chemical soil-building approaches</li> <li>✓ Landscape approaches to soil protection, incorporating indigenous trees and shrubs</li> <li>✓ Promotion of composting and natural soil fertility methods</li> <li>✓ Support for community seed banks and crop improvement efforts at the local level</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Chemical fertiliser &amp; pesticides subsidies</li> <li>✗ Programmes that promote chemical fertiliser such as the AAA, AGRA, etc.</li> <li>✗ Corporate seed and IPR laws that bind countries to UPOV 91 and criminalise farmers' seeds systems.</li> <li>✗ Regulations that prohibit or discourage the use of natural fertilisers and farmer seeds</li> <li>✗ Biosafety laws that allow the introduction of GMOs</li> </ul>
<b>Land &amp; water</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Establishing, respecting and enforcing the rights of local communities over their land and territories</li> <li>✓ Land reforms to give land to small-scale farmers and pastoralists</li> <li>✓ Acknowledgement and promotion of indigenous irrigation systems</li> <li>✓ Secure access to fishing grounds for small-scale fisher people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Allocation of large land areas to agribusiness companies</li> <li>✗ Privatisation of lands</li> <li>✗ Irrigation systems for large-scale plantations</li> <li>✗ Biodiversity offsetting and REDD+ initiatives that displace people</li> <li>✗ Allocation of fishing grounds to trawlers and other large-scale operators</li> </ul>

## Help

## Hinder

### Markets & trade

- ✓ Focus on local markets regulated by local communities
- ✓ National and local self-sufficiency policies
- ✓ Building and managing local food storage capacity for future needs
- ✓ Improvement of local infrastructures so farmers can get their produce to the local market

- ✗ Dominant focus on import/export policies, undermining local markets
- ✗ Trade deals that limit national protection measures and allow for massive imports
- ✗ Dumping subsidised foods from industrialised countries

### Education, training & research

- ✓ Massive reorientation of education to revalue and support indigenous knowledge
- ✓ Agroecology schools, farmer-to-farmer trainings to expand agroecology and climate-resilient farming methods
- ✓ Policies and programmes implementing on-farm participatory research methodologies
- ✓ Strengthening and reorientation of public research and extension services to focus on agroecology and small farmers' needs.

- ✗ Dominating education systems that promote neoliberal economics and industrial farming
- ✗ Corporate-sponsored education and training approaches
- ✗ Research focus on commodity and export crops
- ✗ Research dominated by corporate and donor interests (Gates, AGRA, Monsanto, etc.)
- ✗ Extension services privatised and transmitting chemical farming

### Consumption & retail

- ✓ Policies prioritising decentralised and local retail infrastructures
- ✓ Public procurement policies from local providers and markets
- ✓ Promotion of farmers' markets in the cities, offering direct farmer-consumer interaction and focusing on fresh and healthy produce

- ✗ Policies allowing large supermarket chains to dominate the market
- ✗ Policies that allow markets to be massively flooded with imported unhealthy industrial ultra-processed food