



# THE GOOD FIGHT



## Invitation

### **Hungry for Change: Can We Win the Fight Against Hunger? - Challenging Times of Poly Crises -**

Human Rights Forum on 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2023

Dokumentationszentrum Flucht, Vertreibung, Versöhnung, Stresemannstr. 90, Berlin

Online participation possible

Conflicts, pandemics, climate-related extreme weather, rising inequalities: the obstacles to win the fight against hunger and malnutrition seem unconquerable, even though the international community pledged to end hunger by 2030 in the Sustainable Development Goals. With three billion people unable to access a healthy diet, this goal is receding from view. Nevertheless, activists, smallholder farmers, consumers, humanitarians and policymakers are fighting for change all over the world: for a change in our globalised food systems and in our humanitarian response to a global hunger and malnutrition crisis.

During the [Human Rights Forum 2023](#), Action Against Hunger will showcase this collective *Good Fight* and provide a platform for networking and exchange in these challenging times of poly crises. We would like to cordially invite you to join us at two roundtables online or in Berlin, which will touch on food systems transformation and the right to food as well as humanitarian questions around gender empowerment and anticipatory action. A thematic overview of the two roundtables and thematically related events on the day can be found below.

[Registration is now open on our website](#) and we look forward to your participation!

**REGISTRATION**

## Deep Dive I: Feminist Foreign Policy Outlook – How to Assure Anticipatory Humanitarian Action is Mitigating Intersecting Vulnerabilities?

10 am – 12 pm CEST

When climate-related disasters hit, women, children, elderly people and persons with disabilities are particularly at risk: their needs are often neglected in risk analysis and response planning, and they are frequently marginalised in decision-making processes despite their potential contributions to resilience. To make inclusion and resilience a reality in the humanitarian system, we need a paradigm shift towards transformative approaches. The German government is currently at the forefront in advancing anticipatory action and launched their feminist foreign policy approach, hence this round table will explore how political visions and reality can come closer together for zero hunger. How can donors, governments and implementing organisations ensure gender inclusion at all stages of the early warning and anticipatory action continuum? This roundtable will bring humanitarian experts together to explore pathways for supporting women as change agents in times of climate crisis. **Audrey Oettli**, co-chair of the Anticipation Hub working group “Gender, Protection and Inclusion”, **Konstantin Klammert**, desk officer on anticipatory humanitarian action at the GFFO, and **Tapan Kumar Chakraborty**, Deputy Country Director of ACF Bangladesh, will join the exchange as speakers. The keynote will be held by **Fatima Halima Ahmed**, who is part of the implementation of the anticipatory action project “STEP Bangladesh”.

The following experts will join the roundtable discussion:

- Katrin von der Dellen, Team Lead Project Development & Donor Engagement, CARE Germany
- Bärbel Mosebach, Humanitarian Director, Welthungerhilfe
- Goda Milasiute, Research Fellow, Center for Humanitarian Action (CHA)
- Dr. Andrea Steinke, Research Fellow, Center for Humanitarian Action (CHA)
- Stefanie Lux, FbF Coordination, German Red Cross
- Chris Coulter, Deputy Executive Director, Berghof Foundation
- Anna Hauschild, Research Assistant, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)
- Simon Levine, Senior Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute (ODI)
- Tanit Iglesias Zayas, Gender and Protection Advisor, ACF France
- Maud Bellon, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, ACF France
- Amina Mohamed, Regional Gender, GBV and Protection Advisor, ACF Regional Office West and Central Africa
- Alisa Keesey, Programme Director, GiveLove Foundation
- Hannah Jay, Consultant with focus on GBV in humanitarian contexts

## Deep Dive II: Transforming Food and Agriculture Systems – How can we Enable a Just and Sustainable Environment to Assure Food Sovereignty for All?

1 – 3 pm CEST

The global industrial food system is failing on several fronts: it causes a third of global greenhouse gas emissions and severe environmental destruction, while violating the right to adequate food for those three billion people who cannot access a healthy diet. Smallholder farmers are left vulnerable to exploitation and debt due to the market dominance of agribusiness, and cash crops have undermined domestic food production in the global South. At this roundtable, researcher Emile Frison, member of the International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES Food) will present these challenges from a global perspective to set the scene, and we will discuss how the system can transition from its unsustainable, unhealthy and unjust status quo towards healthy diets for all. How can food sovereignty be implemented

as a guiding principle for food systems transformation, and what practical examples can we learn from? Speakers include **Swantje Nilsson**, Federal Ministry for Food and Agriculture, **Carson Kiburo**, a youth leader from Kenya, as well as **Paula Gioia** of La Via Campesina.

The following experts will join the roundtable discussion:

- Felipe Campelo, Landless Workers' Movement (MST)
- Savio Carvalho, Global Campaign Lead (Biodiversity), Greenpeace International
- Dr. Daniela de Ridder, Member of the German Bundestag (SPD)
- Dr. Martin Frick, Director of Berlin office, World Food Programme
- Alisa Keeseey, Programme Director, GiveLove Foundation
- Lena Luig, Head of International Agricultural Policy Division, Heinrich Böll Stiftung
- Dr. Lisa Murken, Leader of the Working Group Adaptation in Agricultural Systems, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)
- Chengeto Muzira, ZIMSOFF/La Via Campesina

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**Don't miss out on these events at the same venue:**

### **MASTERCLASS**

**Alisa Keeseey & Patricia Arquette**

**Empowering Through Engagement - A Conversation on Give Love**

16.30 – 17.30 pm CEST, *Language: English*

For more than ten years, Alisa Keeseey, Director of GiveLove, and Patricia Arquette, actress and founder of GiveLove, have been advocating for everyone to have access to clean water and safe sanitation. In their masterclass, they discuss their collaboration with indigenous communities, their experiences in the slums of Kampala, and at the Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota. With a mix of personal anecdotes and humor, they approach topics such as feminism, democracy, and social inequality. [Further information and tickets](#)

### **TALKING HUMANITY**

**Hunger as a Weapon of War: How Violent Conflicts Lead to Hunger**

18.30 pm CEST

Hunger is one of war's deadliest weapons: it causes untold suffering and destroys the lives of millions. International law provides a clear framework for how the parties to a conflict must behave in order to protect civilians. With UN Security Council Resolution 2417, the international community has recognised its responsibility to protect civilians from hunger in conflicts. These commitments must be upheld. In this panel, we want to talk to experts about the connections between war, conflict and hunger – and about the measures that can be taken to reduce conflict-related hunger. [Further information and tickets](#)

### **PHOTO EXHIBITION**

**Unyielding Floods – Facing the Climate Crisis**

Tue–Sun 10 am – 7 pm – Opening on 13 October, 4.30 pm CEST

South Sudan is one of the poorest countries in the world. Ongoing conflicts deprive millions of people of a safe home. The consequences of climate change aggravate the humanitarian situation immensely: Since 2020, massive floods have been destroying the livelihoods of millions of people and caused a severe hunger crisis in many regions of the country. During three years, photographer Peter Caton has regularly visited the particularly affected parishes Old Fangak and Paguir and impressively documented the will to survive of the inhabitants. [To attend the opening, please register here.](#)