

- FOOD IS MORE THAN NUTRITION. IT HAS BEEN A GLORIOUS EXPRESSION OF SELF, CULTURE, COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & POLITICAL AUTONOMY
- FOOD INSECURITY, THE LACK OF REGULAR ACCESS TO ADEQUATE, SAFE & NUTRITIOUS FOOD FOR NORMAL GROWTH AFFECTS THE HEALTH OF MORE THAN 2.4 BILLION PEOPLE, 800 MILLION OF WHOM EXPERIENCE HUNGER. INEQUITIES IN FOOD NUTRITION REFLECT HISTORIC & SUSTAINED PATTERNS OF DISCRIMINATION & DISEMPOWERMENT
- THE INTERSECTION OF THE RIGHT TO HEALTH & THE RIGHT TO FOOD IS CENTRAL TO ACHIEVING SUBSTANTIVE EQUALITY & TO REALIZING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS, LASTING PEACE & SECURITY
- THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC INCREASED THE WORLD'S UNDERSTANDING OF HOW MALNUTRITION CAN INCREASE THE SEVERITY OF AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE & HOW PANDEMICS IN TURN CAN WORSEN THE CHALLENGES OF MALNUTRITION. MARGINALIZED GROUPS FACED HEIGHTENED CHALLENGES TO ACCESS FOOD AID DURING THE PANDEMIC
- MULTINATIONAL FOOD & BEVERAGE CORPORATIONS HAVE STEADILY INCREASED THEIR SALES & PRESENCE IN LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES. CORPORATE MARKETING STRATEGIES FOR UNHEALTHY FOODS & BEVERAGES SPECIFICALLY TARGET LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES, WHILE OFTEN PUSHING HEALTHIER PRODUCTS IN RICHER COUNTRIES

● LAND GRABBING, WHEREBY INVESTORS ACQUIRE LAND FOR LARGE SCALE PROJECTS, TRIGGERS POVERTY, FOOD INSECURITY & THE LOSS OF LIVELIHOODS FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES, WITH HARMFUL IMPACTS ON HEALTH

● DISPOSSESSING, OCCUPYING & ALLOWING THE DESTRUCTION OF LANDS USED FOR FARMING, HERDING, HUNTING, FISHING & FORAGING ELIMINATES THE ABILITY OF INDIGENOUS & OTHER LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO PRODUCE THEIR OWN FOODS FOR A HEALTHY DIET, TURNING FOOD INTO A COMMODITY CONTROLLED BY THOSE IN POWER

● OVER 80% OF THE WORLD'S HUNGRIEST PEOPLE LIVE IN CLIMATE DISASTER-PRONE COUNTRIES, & NEARLY A QUARTER OF THE WORLD'S FARMABLE LANDS ARE DEGRADED

CLIMATE CHANGE IS PROJECTED TO INCREASE THE RISK OF FOODBORNE & WATERBORNE DISEASES & INCREASE FOOD INSECURITY

● CONFLICT: PARTIES TO CONFLICT CONTINUE TO USE FOOD AS A WEAPON OF WAR BY CONTROLLING FOOD PRODUCTION & DISTRIBUTION & EXPLOITING HUNGER & POVERTY

INCREASING FOOD INSECURITY & COMPETITION FOR NATURAL RESOURCES DRIVES INSTABILITY, LEADING TO LAND GRABS & CONFLICT

● A DECOLONIAL APPROACH IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT REFUSES TO FRAME ALL TOGETHER THAT IN THE ERA OF CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION IS OFTEN ATTRIBUTED TO THE REPRODUCTION OF THOSE LIVING IN POVERTY, INDIGENOUS PEOPLE & PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT.

● EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE TO ESTABLISH MANDATORY FRONT-OF-PACKAGE NUTRITION LABELING, GOOD FISCAL & FOOD POLICY WHICH ALIGNS WITH STATES' OBLIGATION TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO HEALTH & HEALTH-RELATED RIGHTS

● TO MOVE FORWARD TO SUBSTANTIVE EQUALITY, IT REQUIRES STARTING WITH THOSE WHO WE HAVE ALREADY LEFT BEHIND. WE MUST ENSURE THAT ALL THE EFFORTS & STRATEGIES WE COME UP WITH ARE IN SERVICE OF THE RESTORATION OF THE DIGNITY OF ALL PEOPLE

### UN MEMBER STATE DELEGATE ASKED:

IN PARAGRAPH 21, YOU MAKE A REFERENCE TO "FOOD APARTHEID" CAN YOU EXPLAIN MORE ABOUT THIS CONCEPT?

DRT:

UNDER "FOOD APARTHEID", WE SHOULD SPEAK ABOUT STRUCTURAL DISCRIMINATION & HOW SYSTEMIC IT IS, WHICH TARGETS THOSE IN POSITION OF LESS POWER. WHEN YOU DO AN ANALYSIS OF POWER, YOU THEN REALIZE THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE TARGETED BECAUSE THEY DO NOT HAVE SOCIAL CAPITAL OR POWER FOR PREVENTION, FOR RECOURSE OR TO SEEK ACCOUNTABILITY. THESE UNEQUAL & UNJUST CONDITIONS FURTHER DRIVE THE SAME COMMUNITIES FURTHER TO THE MARGINS. THIS DISCRIMINATION, IN TERMS OF LAWS, IN TERMS OF POLICIES DELIBERATELY LEADS TO NEGATIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES.

### UN MEMBER STATE DELEGATE:

"ALLOW ME TO CONCLUDE WITH A QUOTE BY A VERY WISE PERSON, AND IT GOES LIKE THIS: "NO ONE CAN EXTINGUISH THE HUMAN DESIRE FOR FREEDOM." - DR. T



# FOOD, NUTRITION & THE RIGHT TO HEALTH

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