



MINI Steering Committee Members

Name	Profession
<p>Mr P. V. Satheesh, National Convenor, MINI Director, Deccan Development Society, 101, KishanRsidency, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Telangana</p>	<p><i>P V Satheesh has been working for the last 30 years with about 5000 dalit women farmers on the issues of food and seed sovereignty, autonomous community controlled market and media, autonomous local healthcare systems, relevant education and similar issues. He is known internationally for his work on food sovereignty, fight against genetic engineering and community media. He is the convener of a number of national and international networks such as Millet Network of India, South Against Genetic Engineering [SAGE], AP Alliance for Food Sovereignty [APAFS], Alliance South Asia Food Sovereignty [AFSA] and Alliance for Democratization of Agricultural Research in South Asia [ADARSA]. Till recently he was the Chair of the international organization GRAIN. He is also a development filmmaker and writer and has dozens of films and books against his name. He also has decades of experience in participatory research.</i></p>
<p>Dr Sivarama Krishna SAKTI 305, 1st Block Janapriya Abodes New Bakaram, (near Gandhinagar) Hyderabad 500 080</p>	<p><i>Shakti's strength has been a through understanding of administrative and legal procedure, which it has used to ensure that tribals derive due and effectual benefits from the law.</i></p>
<p>Dr Vijaya Khadir Formerly DEAN Home Science, ANGRAU G-2, Navata Complex, Near Electrical Sub Station, Gowtaminagar, Malkajgiri, Hyderabad – 500047</p>	<p><i>Prof.VijayaKhader, former Dean Faculty of Home Science, AcharyaN.G.Ranga Agricultural University, Hyderabad, has been actively engaged in nutrition research and teaching for over thirty three years. Her areas of specialization are: Food composition and quality, Food processing and nutritive value, nutritional absorption and utilization, Food product development, Community Nutrition, Mushroom cultivation and Toxicological studies, Clinical Nutrition and Food Science & Technology.</i></p>
<p>Dr Babloo Gangooly Timbaktu Collective ChennekothaPalli Anantapur District - 515101.</p>	<p><i>The Timbaktu Collective is a registered voluntary organisation that was initiated in 1990, to work for sustainable development in the drought prone Anantapur district of Andhra Pradesh, India. As of March 2006, the Collective had a team of 63 members and worked in about 112 villages of Chennekothapalli, Roddam and Ramagirimandals of Anantapur district, serving about 33,000 marginalised people.</i> <i>The Collective focuses on the landless, small and marginal farmers with special emphasis on women, children, youth and Dalits. These are the people who are most affected by situations like chronic drought, unproductive land, unemployment and poor infrastructural facilities. With local self governance being the underlying theme of our work, we have formed numerous Community Based Organisations (CBOs) of the rural poor.</i></p>

<p>Mr Sanjay K Rai National Coordinator FIAN-India 1 / 14-B, Jangpura - A New Delhi 110014</p>	<p><i>FIAN India recognises the need to work for the mainstreaming of the right to adequate food in the country. This is the only Human rights organisation in India working exclusively with the human right to food and feed oneself. The mandate of FIAN India is: to contribute in India in particular and throughout the world in general, to the implementation of the provisions of the International Bill of Human Rights by working for the protection of the human right to food and, above all, the right to feed oneself of persons or groups threatened by or suffering from hunger and malnutrition, especially peasants, agricultural workers, landless labourers, squatters, sharecroppers, and others whose land rights or agricultural labour rights have been or are being violated.</i></p>
<p>Sri Vijay Jawandhia ShetkariSanghatana (All India KisanSakanavaySammittee) Near Bhagatsingh Square, Ramnagar, Wardha – 442001</p>	<p><i>Eminent farmers leader from the vidharbh region of Maharashtra. He has led several farmer movements and continues to campaign and build policy debates that argue for food sovereignty.</i></p>
<p>Mr Robert Leo M F Keystone Foundation, P.B.No.35, Groveshill Road, Kotagiri - 643217, Nilgiris Tamil Nadu</p>	<p><i>Keystone Foundation has completed ten years in the Nilgiris, working with indigenous communities on eco-development initiatives. The Foundation's work has been concentrated in the areas of apiculture, micro-enterprise development, non-timber forest produce, land and water management, revival of traditional agriculture, and other issues concerning indigenous communities.</i></p>
<p>Mr Oswald Quintal KUDUMBAM, LIESA Network No. 17, Highways Colony, Subrahmanyapuram, Trichi – 620 020, Tamilnadu</p>	<p><i>The seed of Kudumbam was sown way back in 1980 in a village where river Cauvery steps into Tamil Nadu, where our involvement in facilitating problem focused education, street theater, participatory learning and documenting traditional knowledge, deepened our insights. Our involvement was not only to create awareness on the magnitude of these issues but also to initiate participatory technology development, facilitating a process of farmers' innovations and community based alternatives. Our efforts have been in reviving community management of water bodies, conservation of community bio-diversity, community seed banks, community green banks, and facilitating people financed institution.</i></p>
<p>Mr Aman Singh KrishiAvamParisthitikiVikasSansthan (KRAPAVIS) 5 / 218, Kala Kua Alwar – 301001, Rajasthan.</p>	<p><i>KrishiAvamParisthitikiVikasSansthan (KRAPAVIS), which literally means “organization for the development of agriculture/livestock and ecology”, works with a clear mission: the betterment of ecological, agricultural and livestock practices with a view to ensuring sustainable livelihoods for rural pastoral communities in Rajasthan.</i></p>
<p>Ms Sheelu Francis Womens Collective Tamil Nadu</p>	<p><i>Sheelu Francis is an outstanding leader of the 60 thousand-strong Women's Collective, active in the whole state of Tamil Nadu, Southern India. Sheelu is also the international spokesperson for the Collective, speaking about the impacts of international trade, debt and activities of transnational corporations on local development, on food security and sovereignty.</i></p>

<p>Ms Seno Tsuhah North East Network Chizami Nagaland.</p>	<p><i>Seno is an active team leader in North East Network (NEN) a women's rights organisation linking with women irrespective of their diversity and regardless of ethnicity, sexual/gender identity disability, culture and space. She was awarded the Rani Gaidinliu Zeliang Stree Shakti Puraskar for the effortless work she do.</i></p>
<p>Ms Saraswati SABALA Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh</p>	<p><i>Heads the organisation SABALA which works with women farmers in interior villages in Vizianagaram district to promote sustainable agriculture.</i></p>
<p>Ms Madhuri Krishnaswami Right to Food Activist Madhya Pradesh</p>	<p><i>Madhuri Krishnaswamy is a prominent activist within Jagrit Dalit Adivasi Sangathan (JADS), an adivasi organisation in Madhya Pradesh in central India.</i></p>
<p>Dr Biraj Patnaik Right to Food Commissioner, Supreme Court, New Delhi</p>	<p><i>Biraj Patnaik is principal adviser to the Supreme Court commissioners on the right to food. He has been actively involved in the Right to Food Campaign in India.</i></p>
<p>Dr Suresh Reddy Associate Professor, Centre for Economic and Social Science (CESS) Hyderabad</p>	<p><i>Working as Associate Professor at the Division for Sustainable Development Studies (DSDS), Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad. Has an experience of more than 23 years in managing agricultural, natural resources and rural development projects with a focus on food and livelihood security of poor and environment.</i></p>
<p>Ms Latha Jishnu Sr. Journalist, Business Standard New Delhi</p>	<p><i>Senior Editor, Down To Earth. Her concerns relate to the way power structures in society – business corporations, governments and lobbies – impact the lives of the powerless.</i></p>
<p>Dr Satya Lakshmi Director National Institute of Naturopathy Pune</p>	<p><i>She has been worked as the Director of NIN, she was also worked as the Director of Vemana Yoga Research Institute (VYRI), Hyderabad. She is a firm believer of Naturopathy and intended to take Naturopathy to the grass root level so that even the lay man can use it for his health and wellness. She is also the Editor-in-Chief of the bilingual magazine published by NIN and regularly writes various columns in the magazine which is academically vibrant write-ups. She is a fond lover of public health and visions a people friendly health care delivery through Naturopathy.</i></p>
<p>Dr T N Prakash Chairman Agriculture Price Commission Karnataka</p>	<p><i>Having 30 years of illustrious career at University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore in teaching, research, guiding PG students and extension in the fields of agricultural / natural resources / environmental economics, marketing, price analysis, international trade, sustainable / organic agriculture, bio diversity, traditional knowledge and indigenous technologies along with providing academic advocacy, empirical inputs and technical consultancy to the governments, policy makers, NGOs, organizations and others since 1984.</i></p>