

Progress and problems getting a Food Security Act

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Family farms represent 97% of 2.2 million of farms in Peru (South America) but in some parts of the country it is almost 100% more than three million agricultural workers are part of family farming, which provides nearly 70% of food to the population.

Food security: While in urban spaces –during last 5 years with available information (2009-2013)–the chronic undernourishment rate has been lower than 15% of all under-5-year-old children, this problem has affected more than 30% of children in rural spaces.



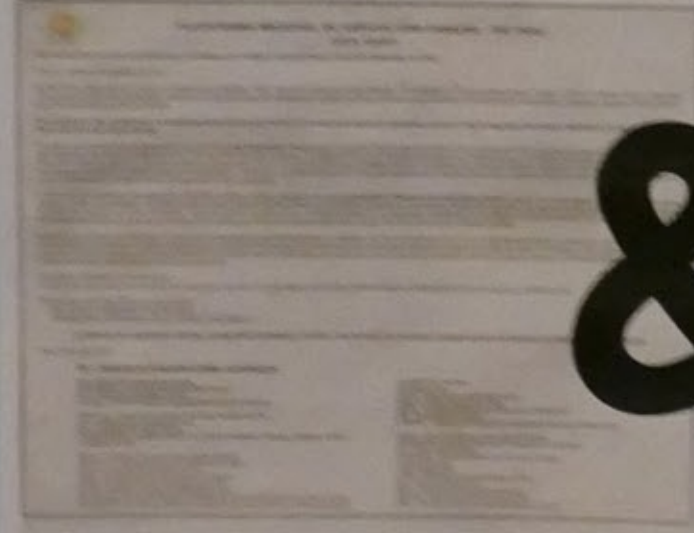
IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT

Civil Society initiatives:
Regarding these situation, civil society organizations and networks prepared two different initiatives.

Bill of Food and Nutrition Security Project, presented to Congress in 2014.

PARTICIPATION OF FARMER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PROCESS.

THE BILL IS ONLY ONE INSTRUMENT (NO THE END)



The civil society organizations, promoters of both legal initiatives, redoubled their efforts, through public statements, among others, to further advance both initiatives



Despite the consensus to approve both initiatives, Congresswoman Martha Chavez, representing a conservative party, objects to the vote and blocks its approval.



LAW 30355

Bill for Promotion and development of family farming, N° 30355, approved by the Congress and published in November 4th, 2015.

- Objective: to establish the responsibilities of the State in the promotion and development of family farming, recognizing its role in food security
- Purpose: to improve the quality of life of families depending on family farming, reduce poverty in the rural sector and to guide the actions of the authorities, at various levels of government, with a multisectoral and intergovernmental approach.

APPROVED

BILL

Bill of Food and Nutrition Security Project, still pending (November 2016):

- Recognizes the human right to adequate food
- Ensures food security of the population
- Defines the state's obligations in implementing the right to food

PENDING