Human rights, pesticide poisoning, vulnerable populations: whose obligation is it to protect?

On Monday 21 March 2022, the Centre for Pesticide Suicide Prevention (CPSP) hosted a satellite session dedicated to human rights and pesticide poisoning. This document provides a summary of useful resources shared during the session.

Videos

Tikiri Bannda, Sri Lanka
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oIa5xjQ825k

The Rights of the Child: Warunika’s Story
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SxJahj42cos

Centre for Pesticide Suicide Prevention YouTube channel
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Publications by session speakers

Report of the Special Rapporteur: Rights to science in the context of toxic substances
Special Rapporteur on toxics and human rights, Marcos Orellana (2021)

Report of the Special Rapporteur: The right to a clean, health and sustainable environment (2022)
Special Rapporteur on toxics and human rights, Marcos Orellana & Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment, David R. Boyd (2022)

Pesticide labels: Protecting liability or health? – Unpacking “misuse” of pesticides
Hanna-Andrea Rother (2018)
Current Opinion in Environmental Science & Health, 4, 10-15
https://doi.org/10.1016/j.coesh.2018.02.004

Earth Rising, Women Rising: Regenerating the Earth, Seeding the Future
Edited by Vandana Shiva et al (2021)
Navdanya / Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology
http://www.navdanya.org/site/eco-feminism/the-earth-rising,-women-rising
Toxic Blooms: Impacts of Pesticides on Children in the Floriculture Industry in Tamil Nadu, India
PAN Asia Pacific (2020)

Prevention of pesticide suicides and the right to life: The intersection of human rights and public health priorities
Leah Utyasheva & Michael Eddleston (2021)
Journal of Human Rights, 20:1, 52-71

Human Rights Perspective on Pesticide Exposure and Poisoning in Children: A Case Study of India
Leah Utyasheva and Lovleen Bhullar (2021)
Health and Human Rights Journal, 23:2, 49-61

Other publications

The global distribution of acute unintentional pesticide poisoning: estimations based on a systematic review
Wolfgang Boedeker, Meriel Watts, Peter Clausing, Emily Marquez (2020)
BMC Public Health 20, 1875
https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12889-020-09939-0#citeas

How many premature deaths from pesticide suicide have occurred since the Green revolution?
Ayanthi Karunarathne, David Gunnell, Flemming Konradsen & Michael Eddleston (2020)
Clinical Toxicology, 58:4, 227-232
https://doi.org/10.1080/15563650.2019.1662433

Prevention of suicide with regulations aimed at restricting access to highly hazardous pesticides: a systematic review of the international evidence
Lancet Global Health, 5:10, E1026-E1037
https://doi.org/10.1016/S2214-109X(17)30299-1

The global burden of fatal self-poisoning with pesticides 2006-15: Systematic review
Journal of Affective Disorders, 219, 93-104
https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jad.2017.05.002

Poisoning our Future: Children and Pesticides
Meriel Watts, PAN Asia Pacific (2013)

Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food (2017)

Guidelines to Good Practices
Special Rapporteur on toxics and human rights (2017)
Protection of the rights of workers exposed to hazardous substances and wastes
Resolution of the Human Rights Council (2019)
https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/3848953

Decriminalising suicide: Saving lives, Reducing Stigma
United for Global Mental Health (2021)

UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights
Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (2011)
https://www.unglobalcompact.org/library/2

Live Life: An Implementation guide for suicide prevention
World Health Organisation (2021)
https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240026629

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