



Health for All Now!
People's Health Movement

STOP VIOLATION OF THE RIGHT TO RESISTANCE OF PEOPLE OF ECUADOR!

PHM Latin American Coordination and (MSPLA) and PHM Andean Subregion Coordination express concern and rejection of the repressive action of the neoliberal government of Ecuador. The government, in response to the declaration of a general strike and mobilization by CONAIE (Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of Ecuador) with the support of other social collectives, has brutally attacked peaceful marches and sit-ins. It has illegally imprisoned leaders and demonstrators and has used force indiscriminately against those who protest. This has resulted in dozens of people injured, some with serious injuries. Additionally, the government decreed a State of Exception, which suppresses the constitutional guarantees of the people, opening the way for even greater repression.

People's rejection of the government is the result of an unbearable situation for the poorest sectors of the country: public health and education systems in ruins; 70% of the Economically Active Population facing unemployment and precarious employment; 40% of the population facing poverty and extreme poverty; chronic child malnutrition affecting 33% of children; high costs of fuel, food and other items of mass consumption; insecurity (murders, hired killings, robberies, common and organized crime) with no response or control by the State; unbridled policy of privatization, extractivism and unlimited destruction of nature.

It is evident that the socioeconomic and political crisis of the country is not the result of national strike and mobilizations – these are not the causes, rather they are the effects generated by an inequitable social structure, and by political and economic measures that have been imposed in Ecuador and throughout the region by the powers that be of the transnational corporations, whose executing agencies are the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, among others.

Governments such as Ecuador's apply these policies set forth by big world capital. Due to their links with transnational financial power, they make the economic elites benefit from them. They try to implement these policies with blood and fire in the face of popular resistance.

The future, health and life of people in Ecuador is at stake. That is why we condemn the arrogance and disregard for popular demands by the neoliberal president Guillermo Lasso and his government. We urge the National Legislative Assembly and the Constitutional Court of the country to immediately, in use of their legal and constitutional powers, repeal the absurd State of Exception decree of the right-wing and repressive President Lasso. It would be better to demand that President Lasso respond in a serious, responsible and timely manner to the social organizations.



Finally, we express our total solidarity with the struggle being waged in Ecuador by our indigenous friends, workers, peasants, teachers, students, health professionals and other collectives that have joined in this struggle to stop the government's starvation, anti-national and anti-popular policies.

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