

NO ADEQUATE COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF LAND AN EXAMPLE OF ONE PEASANT IN DIOGO

Land grabbed in Diogo:
derisory compensation and **loss of income**



► This graph shows the situation of a peasant in Diogo whose land was taken by the GCO company in 2012. To protect the peasant's anonymity, we do not indicate the surface area of his land or the amount of compensation he received (b). We let the graph speak for itself. Several other affected people have given similar testimonies.

(a) At the time the land was taken, GCO had promised compensation of 2,500,000 FCFA per hectare. The bar (a) indicates the amount of compensation that should have been received on the basis of this promise.

(b) The compensation finally received (b) is almost 3.5 times lower than the amount initially proposed (a). It should be noted that this compensation was granted only once.

(c) Every year, the Diogo peasant grew cabbages, carrots, turnips, eggplants, potatoes, peppers, tomatoes, onions and so on. The income from his crops in a single year was almost twice as much as the compensation received (b).

(d) For the 11 full years during which the peasant was unable to cultivate his land, the loss of income was more than 20 times greater than the compensation received (b).