

In 2008, the world was alarmed by the shortage of food especially staples such as wheat, rice and corn. This crunch was further aggravated by the soaring prices of fuel and now, by the gripping economic and climate crises.

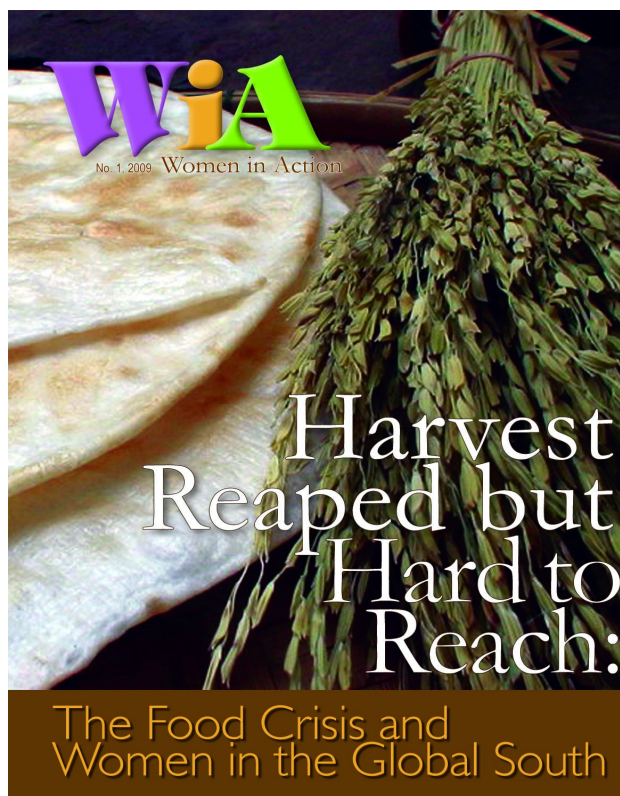
But the food crisis is not the result of the unavailability of food sources. Instead it exposes the flaws of the neoliberal model that has created various forms of scarcity amid abundance in the name of profit — resulting in captive politics, massive poverty, environmental degradation and even cultural homogenisation.

Moreover, the food crisis has left its mark on women's lives and bodies, which bear much of the pressure to access the already limited resources for the poor and provide for their families.

This *Women in Action* issue, **Harvest Reaped but Hard to Reach: The Food Crisis and Women in the Global South** aims to strengthen a Southern gender analysis of the food crisis and its various manifestations in the lived experiences of women and communities, as farmers, fisherfolk, indigenous peoples, activists and scholars. It takes a critical look at the policies, programmes and practical interventions by states and development agencies as well as the responses and interventions of feminist and other social movements and more importantly, grassroots women themselves.

It shares the stories of struggles of women from Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, China, Ecuador, Fiji, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Laos, Nicaragua, Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, the United States and Vietnam. These stories feature women's determination to rise above the crisis and make a difference in their own ways.

This issue also includes the critiques of scholars and activists such as Marilee Karl, Reihana Mohideen, Elenita Daño and Walden Bello.



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