Video: Violence and sexual abuse against women in oil palm plantations MUST END

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On November 25th , International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, we come together to denounce the violence and sexual abuse that thousands of women living in and around industrial oil palm plantations face in their daily lives. We stand in solidarity with them and with all the women who organize to resist.

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Palm oil companies profit not only from the exploitation of the land and labour on their plantations but also from the wall of silence and impunity about sexual violence against women on these plantations. **This silence must be broken. And violence must end. The impunity of the oil palm industry and their funders and financial backers needs to stop!**

With this video, we express our support to all the women who are left alone to suffer this violence and abuse in silence. The video also is a tribute to all those courageous women who, against all odds, resist and say No to violence and abuse.

In solidarity, Informal Alliance against Industrial Oil Palm Plantations*

>>> For further information on the issue: Breaking the Silence: Harassment, sexual violence and abuse against women in and around industrial oil palm and rubber plantations

* The Informal Alliance is a collective of community activists and grassroots organizations in West and Central African countries resisting the expansion of industrial oil palm plantations in the region.