This is the GRAN CHACO: extending across Argentina, Bolivia and Paraguay

CWS GRAN CHACO PROGRAM

PUT YOUR NEIGHBORS ON THE MAP

A LAND IN CRISIS

An average of 500 soccer fields are destroyed daily in the Gran Chaco, exploited by large scale industries.

Corporate land grabs overlook the presence of local communities, unjustly taking the land.

RESULTING IN...

Nearly three out of four people without access to basic rights - food, water, work, health, education and land ownership.

Chronic malnutrition in children under 5, found to be as high as 72 percent in the Gran Chaco’s most vulnerable communities.

Of Paraguay’s indigenous population - the majority of whom live in the Gran Chaco - 93 percent are without access to clean water.

BUT THAT CAN CHANGE.

Community organizing and training to regain land rights
Providing access to clean water
Creating stable food sources
Promoting forest protection

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"When my grandfather was a child he did not go hungry. There were fish in the river and honey and fruits in the forest all year round. The land was for everyone. It pains me today to see our children go hungry, to see a river with so few fish, the forest without fruit."

Nestor Nacub
Weenhayek indigenous leader, Gran Chaco

The background picture shows land that was systematically stolen from indigenous groups in the Gran Chaco by agricultural businesses.

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Population: Approximately 4 million
SIZE: Twice as large as California.
Largest dry forest in South America - more biodiverse per acre than the Amazon.
Home to 25 indigenous ethnic groups.

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