



UNDERSTANDING THE *COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS* & BUILDING A GLOBAL WORKERS' STRUGGLE FOR *ECONOMIC JUSTICE*

*A COMIC BOOK ORGANIZING
RESOURCE FOR WORKERS IN THE
INFORMAL ECONOMY*



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This comic book captures discussions from online workshops held with workers from Accra, Ghana, and Bangkok, Thailand, in November 2024 for continued learning and discussion among all workers.

We hope these materials will help workers to:

- Share experiences of the effects of rising electricity, food and transport costs.
- Make sense of what is the root cause of the high cost of living.
- Organize to challenge and change the system of economic inequality.

How to use the material:

- Read the comic book with members of your organization or other workers and discuss what you see in the illustrations.
- Are your experiences the same or different from those of the workers in the illustrations?
- What are you learning from these materials about:
 - Who decides the cost of things you need to live a decent, healthy life?
 - Who benefits from the high costs of food, electricity and transport?
 - Who suffers the most because of the high cost of living?
- Discuss what you see in the illustrations about coming together and organizing. How can you use this way of organizing and mobilizing where you work and live?

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HOW THE RISING COST OF LIVING AFFECTS WORKERS

COVID-19 HIGHLIGHTED THE
SOCIAL INEQUALITY WE LIVE
WITH AND, EVEN AFTER THE
PANDEMIC, THE CRISIS REMAINS.

MOM, I'M STILL
HUNGRY.







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TALKING ABOUT OUR PROBLEMS BRINGS GREATER UNDERSTANDING ABOUT COMMON PROBLEMS AND WHAT CAUSES THEM.



AND ORGANIZING TOGETHER TO FIGHT FOR BETTER CONDITIONS STRENGTHENS THE STRUGGLE FOR WORKER RIGHTS AND A BETTER ECONOMY FOR ALL.



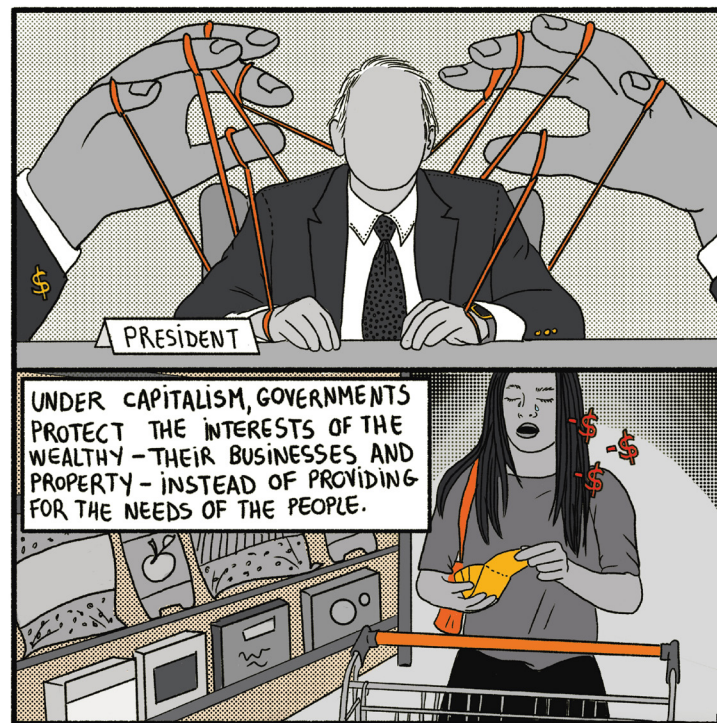
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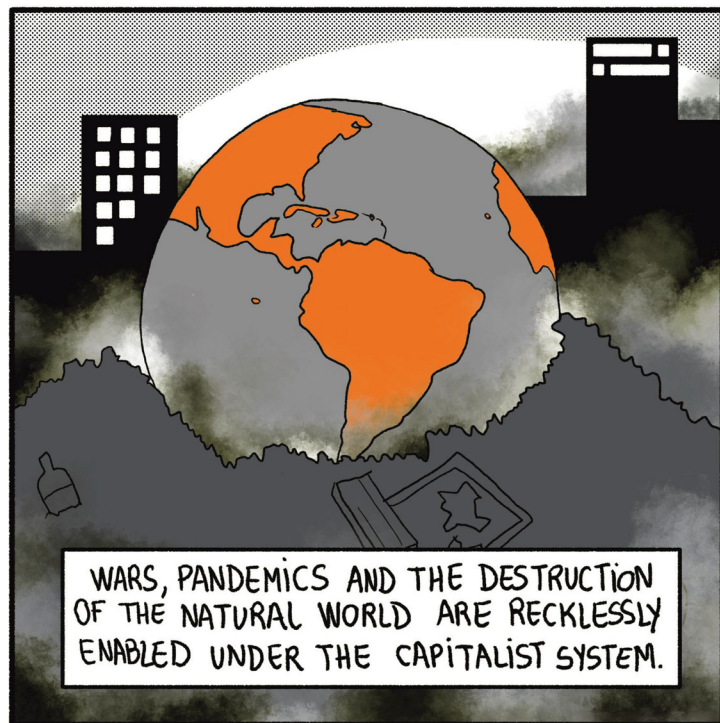
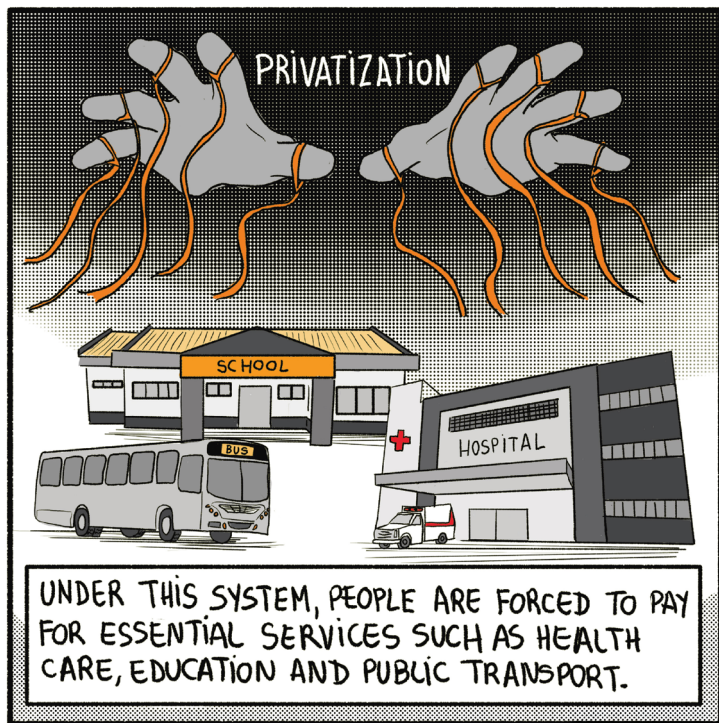
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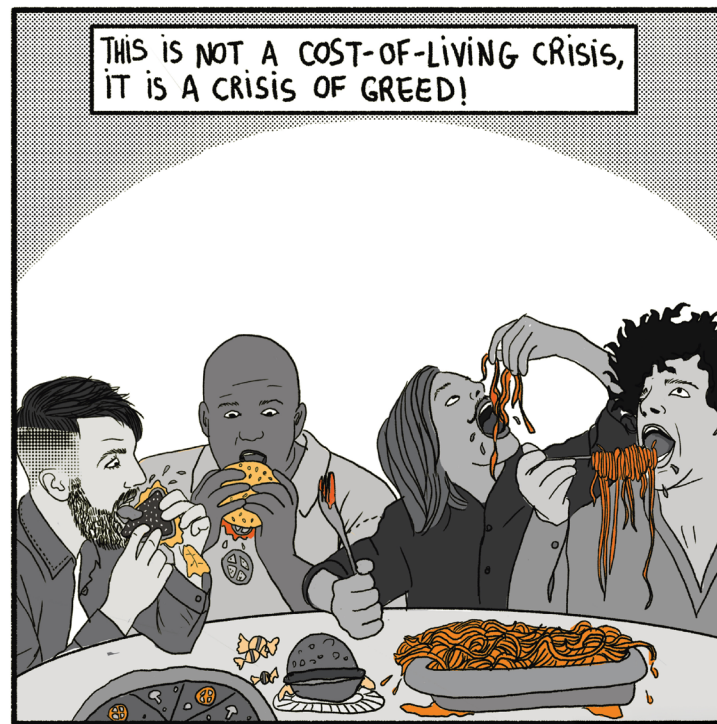
***WHAT IS THE ROOT CAUSE
OF THE CRISIS?***











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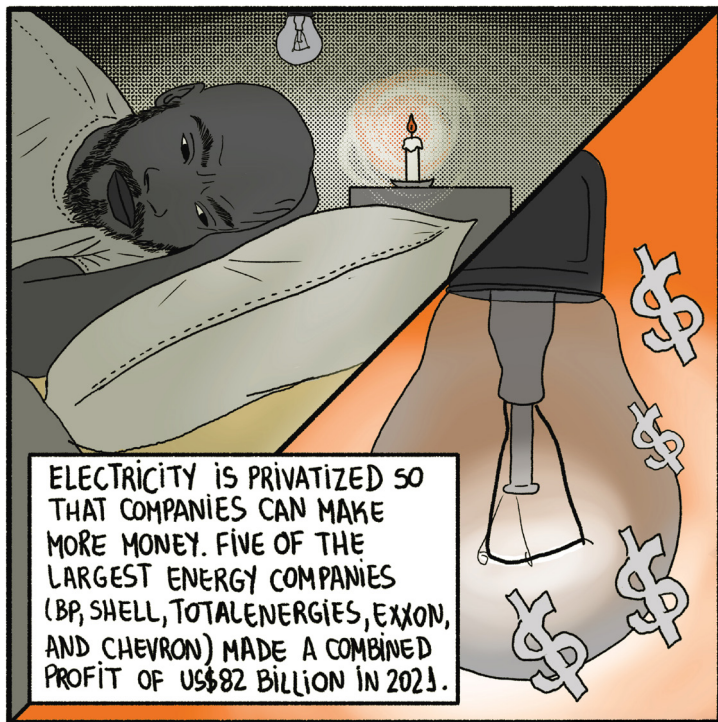
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***ORGANIZING FOR
ECONOMIC JUSTICE!***



IN 2020, WHILE WORKERS STRUGGLED TO FEED THEIR FAMILIES, TWO OF THE LARGEST FOOD-PRODUCING COMPANIES MADE A PROFIT OF US\$ 20 MILLION A DAY FROM RISING FOOD PRICES.

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...TO ALTERNATIVE AND SUSTAINED FORMS OF RESISTANCE. IN SRI LANKA, FOR EXAMPLE, A DAILY WALK OF RESISTANCE AGAINST THE HIGH COST OF LIVING WAS STARTED IN 2022 TO MAKE THE STRUGGLE VISIBLE.



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ARGENTINIAN
EXCLUDED WORKERS
ARE CHALLENGING
THEIR GOVERNMENT
AND BATTLING
AGAINST AN UNFAIR
SYSTEM. THEY
DEMAND ACCESS
TO LAND, HOUSING
AND WORK.



WORKERS ARE CONNECTING
ACROSS THE WORLD TO SHARE
THEIR STRUGGLES AND
ORGANIZING STRATEGIES, AND
TO BUILD SOLIDARITY.



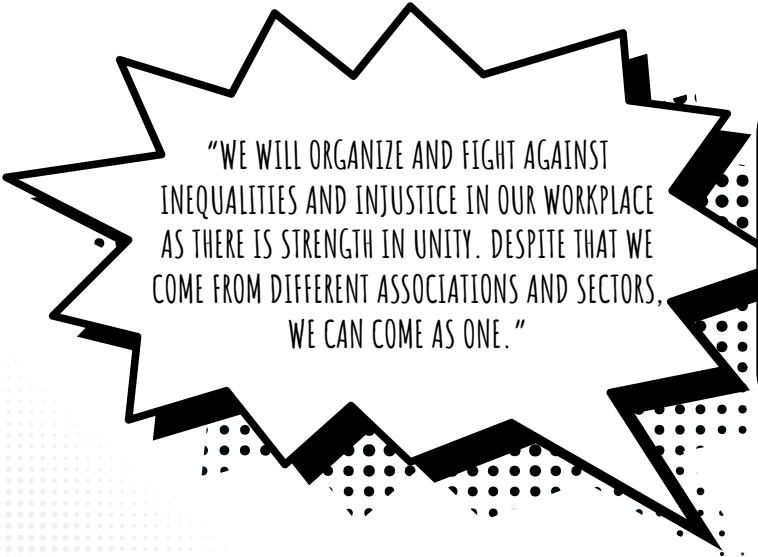
WE ARE BUILDING A MOVEMENT FOR AN
ALTERNATIVE WORLD BASED ON JUSTICE AND
EQUALITY! WE COME FROM DIFFERENT
ORGANIZATIONS, SECTORS AND COUNTRIES, BUT WE
STAND TOGETHER AS ONE. THERE
IS STRENGTH IN UNITY!



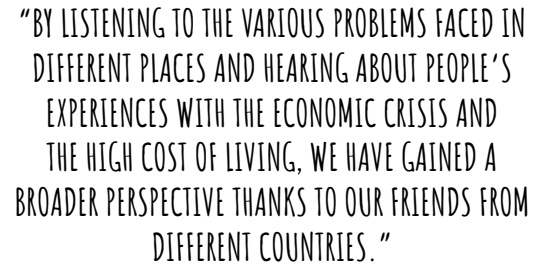
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WORKERS' VOICES

WORKSHOP REFLECTIONS FROM PARTICIPANTS IN ACCRA AND BANGKOK



"WE WILL ORGANIZE AND FIGHT AGAINST INEQUALITIES AND INJUSTICE IN OUR WORKPLACE AS THERE IS STRENGTH IN UNITY. DESPITE THAT WE COME FROM DIFFERENT ASSOCIATIONS AND SECTORS, WE CAN COME AS ONE."



"BY LISTENING TO THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS FACED IN DIFFERENT PLACES AND HEARING ABOUT PEOPLE'S EXPERIENCES WITH THE ECONOMIC CRISIS AND THE HIGH COST OF LIVING, WE HAVE GAINED A BROADER PERSPECTIVE THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES."



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