

# Huge demonstration against Greenpeace's anti-Golden Rice propaganda

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<sup>[1]</sup>On Wednesday morning, an *ad hoc* organization called [Allow Golden](#)

[Rice Now!](#) <sup>[2]</sup> organized a grassroots demonstration against Greenpeace's fear- and agenda-based opposition, right outside the group's HQ in Toronto. The protest was led by Dr. Patrick Moore, who back in the 1980s was an original member of the organization, but became intensely and publicly disenchanted with its ever-more-strident anti-science agenda about a decade ago.

The protesters point out that the public-domain golden rice has the potential to markedly reduce the consequences of malnutrition in the Third World related to vitamin A deficiency. A lack of this vitamin causes visual impairment, including blindness, and immune system dysfunctions leading to numerous infectious diseases, and is linked to the premature deaths of a half-million children each year: approximately 8 million dead since Golden Rice was first developed and ran into the regulatory dead end provoked by Greenpeace's crusades against it.

Dr. Moore, speaking for the group, had this to say: The zero-tolerance policy towards Genetic Modification by Greenpeace and its allies has blocked this cure, resulting in 8 million deaths, mostly among poor children. We believe this is a crime against humanity as defined by the International Criminal Court. ACSH has covered this tragic story numerous times over the recent past, e.g.: [Hope for malnourished kids threatened by anti-GMO zealots](#) <sup>[3]</sup>.

ACSH's Dr. Gilbert Ross added, Greenpeace has also been in the forefront of many anti-science, anti-progress, anti-human crusades in the past. They are dogged opponents of using DDT to fight malaria, and the list goes on and on. I have to agree with Dr. Moore when he accuses the group of crimes against humanity that in fact seems to be their entire *raison d'être*.

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