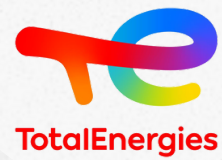


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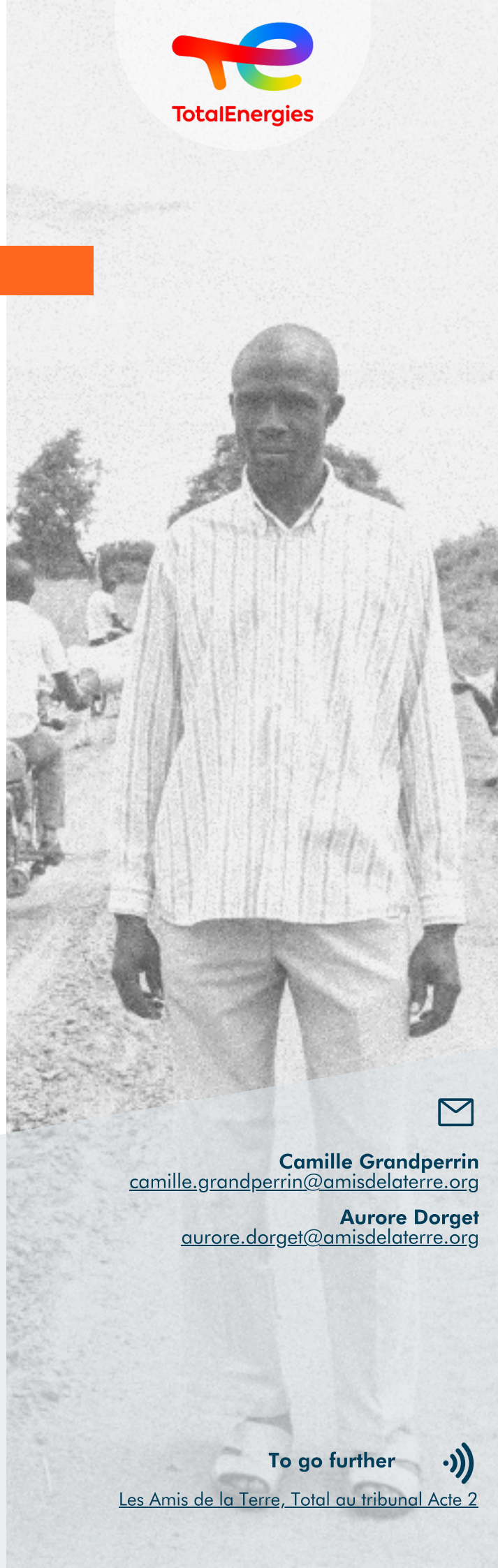
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ISSUES

Following the formal notice and summary proceedings initiated in 2019 by the organisations Les Amis de la Terre France, CRED, NAPE/Amis de la Terre Ouganda, NAVODA, Survie and AFIEGO, which aimed to order Total to fulfil its duty of vigilance obligations in order to prevent massive human rights violations and environmental damage in connection with the Tilenga and EACOP oil projects in Uganda, TotalEnergies was again summoned to court in June 2023. This procedure, also based on the Law on the duty of vigilance, aims to trigger the multinational's civil liability in order to obtain compensation for 26 members of the communities affected by these projects since 2017, as well as for human rights defender Maxwell Atuhura.

ACTORS

The human rights defender Maxwell Atuhura, five French and Ugandan associations - AFIEGO, Friends of the Earth France, NAPE, Survie and TASHA Research Institute - and 26 members of the affected communities have initiated the proceedings against TotalEnergies.



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CASE DESCRIPTION

This action, based on the 'reparation' aspect of the Law on the duty of vigilance, seeks compensation for 26 members of the affected communities and Maxwell Atuhura, as a result of the inadequacy of TotalEnergies' vigilance measures, as well as the choices made by TotalEnergies in the context of the Tilenga and EACOP projects, which allegedly led to systemic and repeated human rights violations.

The applicants claim that TotalEnergies failed to identify the risks in its vigilance plan, failed to act when alerted to the existence of these risks and failed to take the necessary corrective measures once the violations had occurred.

According to the claimants, these projects - which involved massive population displacements (more than 118,000 people) - led to serious violations of their property rights, particularly in relation to prohibitions and restrictions on the use of land prior to the payment of compensation and the inadequacy of the amount of compensation, as well as violations of their right to food.

In addition, several of the plaintiffs - organisations and individuals - have allegedly suffered threats, harassment and arrests as a result of their opposition to the project and their participation in the legal proceedings, and are seeking compensation for the violation of their freedom of expression, opinion and demonstration.

Juliette Renaud, coordinator of Les Amis de la Terre France, said: "The Tilenga and EACOP projects have become emblematic throughout the world of the ravages of oil on human rights and the environment. The communities affected must obtain justice for the violations committed by Total! This new battle is the battle of those whose lives and rights have been trampled underfoot by Total. We salute their courage in standing up to this powerful multinational despite the threats they face, and we call on the French justice system to redress these wrongs and put an end to Total's impunity."

Maxwell Atuhura, a human rights and environmental activist and director of TASHA, said: "I have witnessed a number of harassments and intimidations against civil society, students and members of affected communities who denounce the human rights violations caused by Tilenga and EACOP. I myself have been repeatedly threatened. It doesn't stop and it's only getting worse. Something must be done by the French government, which has so far remained silent, even though it has a duty to regulate a French company like Total."

