


Our Position on Foreign Funding



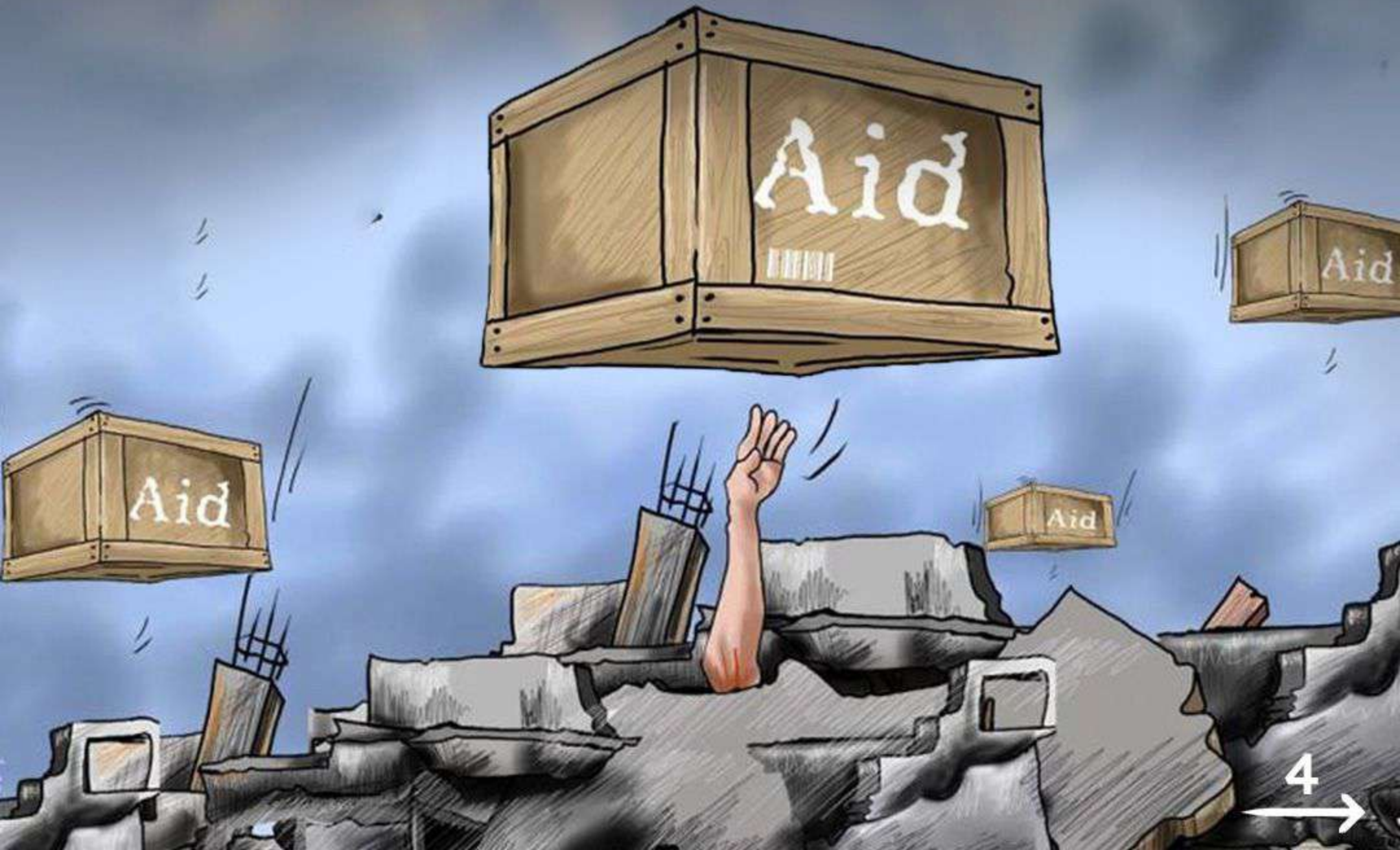
Whether it is the systematic marginalization of local agriculture and food systems, or enforcing normalization with the Israeli occupation, **we have consistently chosen not to receive foreign state funding, which has become in our perspective, a form of neocolonialism.**





Through written conditionalities or unwritten expectations, many CSOs gradually lose track of their vision, and sense of agency. They act like implementers of foreign priorities, comparable to *sub-contractors*.

There is an urgent need for radical change in the unhealthy relationship between donor agencies and local entities that led to **distorted socioeconomic sectors** marked by excessive dependence and systematic decline.



Moreover, it became evident that the current war on Gaza is not confined between the Zionist colonization and Palestine; but it's part of a broader struggle between imperial governments and the peoples of the world eager for liberation and dignity.





We cannot **greenwash the violations** of these donors...even if we have the most ethical projects!

We will not take part in their image-polishing tactics.

Comprehensive assessments of foreign donors must be conducted, across experiences and various social and economic sectors.

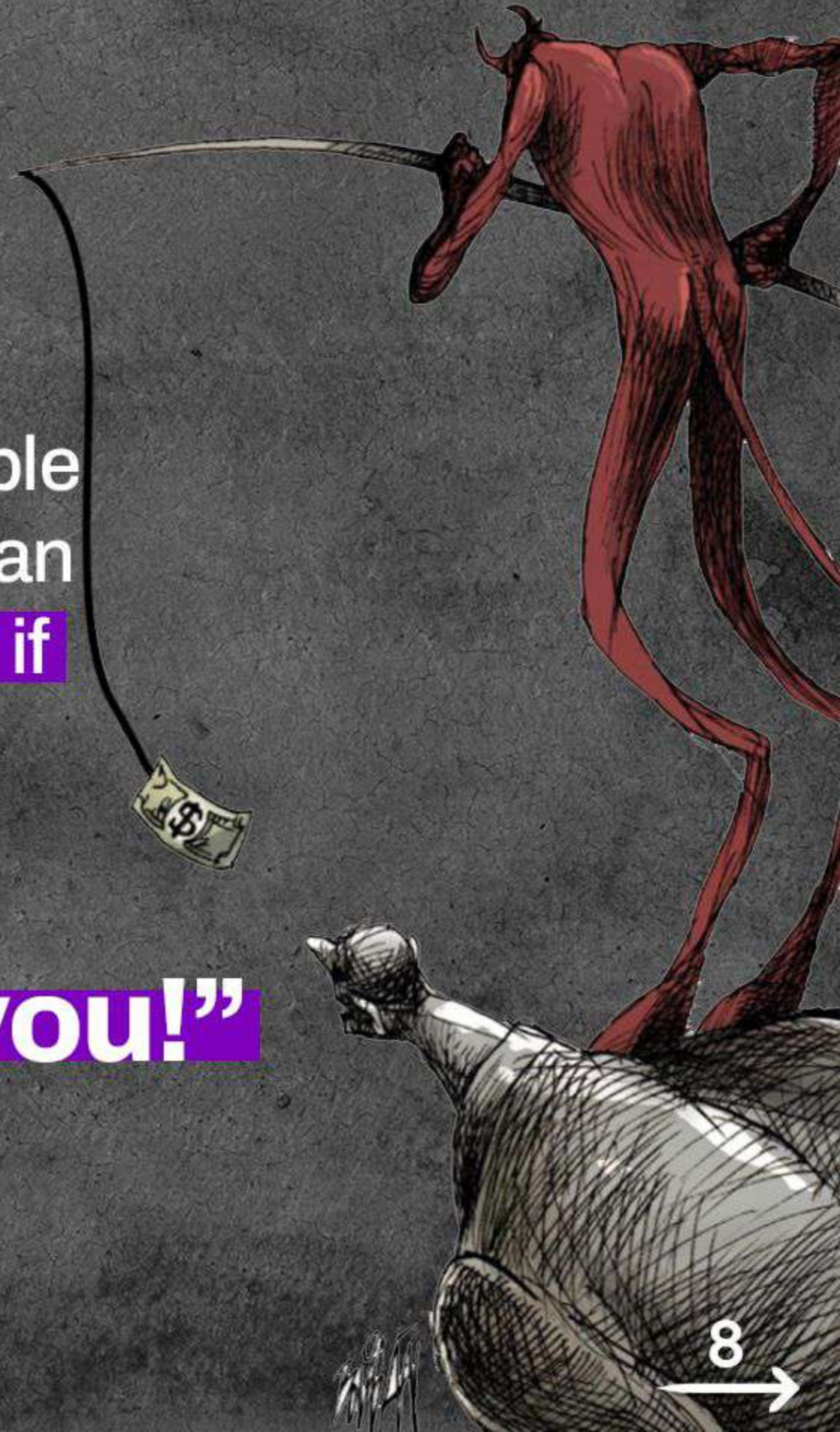
Do support **productive** sectors?
they enhance **equitable** development?
respect **local** expertise?
adopt a **genuine** human rights approach?

Why are they granting this aid?

Does it impact **national sovereignty**?

CSOs should say to donors with questionable agendas or grave human rights violations, **even if they do not attach conditions,**

“No thank you!”



We should also build sovereign funding:

- * Reinforce social responsibility.
- * Establish and collaborate with local and Arab funds.
- * Build popular campaigns that center local communities.

Let us adopt a unified position that is key to **reforming donors' practices.** This is the sole path toward achieving sustainable, just, and genuine development.

