

Halataikwa village

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Anaya,

We the Enawene Nawe are not at all well here. We have many problems. What do you think? Is it possible for you to help us Anaya?

Really things are not going at all well here. We don't want the hydroelectric dams which the construction people want to build (there are 60 dams planned for the River Juruena). There is no way we want these dams. We don't want them to be built on our land. No!

We are very sad. We have tried everything – we have sent documents, we've held meetings, we've written a lot to a lot of people: the Attorney General's office, FUNAI, IBAMA and the government. Nobody listens to us. Nobody helps us Anaya.

Anaya, do you understand our situation? We don't want the dams dirtying our water, killing our fish, invading our lands.

There are many problems – the demarcation of the Adowina as well. Anaya – please help us. We have tried to make our voices heard in many ways and it hasn't worked. That's why we are talking to you Anaya. Can you understand us? Are you understanding?!