A Syngenta spokesperson said:

Short:

Every genuine case of poisoning matters, and every family affected deserves our concern. That is why it is troubling that Public Eye has chosen to disregard the fact that almost half of the cases it attributes to Syngenta as poisonings are not classified in the underlying data as confirmed intoxications. Together with other inconsistencies we identified in their analysis, this raises serious concerns that the evidence is being selectively interpreted to support a predetermined conclusion. We remain focused on prevention, investing extensively in stewardship and training thousands of farmers and others- 95,000 in Brazil in 2025 alone- in the safe and responsible use of crop protection products.

Medium:

There are real people behind these statistics. Every genuine case of poisoning matters, and every family affected deserves our concern. **Precisely because these cases matter, the evidence must be represented accurately.**

Almost half of the cases Public Eye attributes to Syngenta as poisonings are actually not classified in the underlying data as confirmed intoxications. Public Eye is aware of this but has explicitly chosen to disregard the dataset's final classification. Together with other inconsistencies we identified in its analysis, this raises serious concerns that the evidence is being selectively interpreted to support a predetermined conclusion.

This is too serious a subject for complex public-health data to be selectively interpreted to support attention-grabbing headlines.

Syngenta takes product safety seriously. In Brazil – a highly developed agricultural market with a strong regulatory framework - crop protection products are subject to a strict regulatory framework covering their approval and use. All aspects related to human health, environmental safety and agronomic efficacy are assessed by the Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency (Anvisa), the Brazilian Institute of Environment and Renewable Natural Resources (Ibama), and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply (MAPA).

But our responsibility does not stop with regulatory requirements. We invest extensively in stewardship, education and practical training to help farmers and others handle and use crop protection products safely and responsibly. Syngenta was the first multinational company in the sector to offer free online training through MAPA's Programa Aplicador Legal, helping make practical safety training accessible much more widely. In 2025, Syngenta Group trained 95,000 people in Brazil in the safe use of products.