



RIGHT TO FOOD AT COUNTRY LEVEL

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The FAO Project “GCP/GLO/324/NOR - Integrating the Right to Adequate Food and Good Governance in National Policies, Legislation and Institutions” (in short, Right to Food at Country Level) is a continuation of Norway’s support to Mozambique and the Plurinational State of Bolivia (Bolivia), and marks the beginning of activities in Nepal and El Salvador, all in view of strengthening national institutions and coordination mechanisms in their efforts to formulate policies and support the legislative process on food security and the right to food. The Project addresses country challenges by promoting the human rights-based approach in efforts to achieve food security at all levels - in legislation, policy and programme design, formulation, decision and implementation. The Project also allows FAO to participate to global efforts to mainstream human rights in development work.

In March 2012, under the **Global Services** component, the Project organized a seminar to allow Christophe Golay (Research Fellow, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights) and Michaela Böschi (PhD student at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies) to present their joint work with the Right to Food Team in FAO on “Right to Food in Global Frameworks for Food Security and Nutrition” with a focus on the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (GSF) and the Updated Comprehensive Framework for Action (UCFA). The study, which will be completed in April 2012, identifies key priorities and opportunities for human rights-based approaches, and in particular for the right to food, to overcome institutional, policy, programme and strategic challenges in the formulation and implementation of such strategies. About 30 participants from FAO, governments, and CSOs attended the event, including the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Olivier de Schutter.

In **Bolivia**, the National Project Team in CONAN took part to a meeting held at the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), which recently begun working on the development of indicators on human rights in Bolivia. This participation gave CONAN the opportunity to be part of the process of development, validation and monitoring of such indicators, including those on the right to adequate food and food and nutrition security. Additionally, within the framework of CT-CONAN, the National Project Team organized four meetings with the Board of the Supplementary School Feeding Programme (Alimentación Complementaria Escolar - ACE) to which participated delegates from the Ministries of Rural Development and Land; Health and Sports; Production Development and Plural Economy; and a number of civil society organizations. During these meetings, the different stakeholders developed the logical framework, budget and work specifications report for a Multi-Sectoral Project for School Food Security and Nutrition, which will also become part of a FAO regional project involving eight countries.

In **Mozambique** an important step made with respect to SETSAN’s institutional mandate. SETSAN’s Organic Statute was approved by the *Comissão Interministerial da Função Pública* through the Resolution 7/2012, 21 March. The new statute allows SETSAN to have a juridical status, its own budget and finally more independence at an administrative level. SETSAN can now officially coordinate, promote, take administrative actions in the field of assessments, compliance and approval on matters of food security and nutrition. Finally, the statute explicitly mentions SETSAN’s role on the right to food as it: promotes education and best practices on the right to food; guarantees and develops legislative food security and nutrition, and right to food projects; and ensures that financial and human resources are managed to support the coordination of the food security and nutrition, and the right to food agenda.

The Right to Food Team in FAO works on the implementation of the human right to adequate food, using the Right to Food Guidelines. Its vision is the one of a full realization of the right to food, through it being respected, protected and fulfilled for everyone, everywhere.

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