



## 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.*

A new national project team member was recruited in August 2012 in **Mozambique** as Policy Officer of the Mozambique component of Right to Food at Country Level. The project’s impact is to strengthen institutions and provide them with the necessary technical input to improve their capacity to coordinate food and nutrition security matters. A solid and sound institutional support is needed especially at policy level, and this is why the project contributed with this important human resource addition. The national project team will continue its ongoing efforts to implement the Mozambique ESAN II (Estratégia e Plano de Acção de Segurança Alimentar e Nutricional 2008 – 2015) and technically support and provide advice to FAO and SETSAN in their work towards an effective integration of the right to food in national FNS policies, strategies, plans and programmes. Specifically, the team began drafting a methodology on how to integrate the right to food in the policy framework in Mozambique and an assessment of ongoing policy drafting and implementing processes in which the integration of the right to food can be identified as a priority.

During the same period, the International Right to Food Consultant based in Mozambique started the necessary preparation for the roll-out of weekly trainings on the right to food for staff at the FAO Representation to increase their knowledge and understanding on how to integrate the right to food in their work. There will be 6 trainings for programme and project staff which will include sessions on concepts, differences and similarities with food and nutrition security and sovereignty, the PANTHER principles, the seven steps for implementation, and finally the Right to Food Guidelines. The training sessions will also be later provided for the other UN Agencies staff as well.

Similarly in **Nepal**, the project began drafting a work plan and networking with all relevant stakeholders which will be important partners to achieve the desired impact. The National Right to Food Consultant and FAO Programme Officer in Nepal met with the Joint and Under Secretaries of the Ministry of Agriculture Development to share objectives and priority areas of the project; the Secretary of the National Human Rights Commission; and the representatives of FIAN Kathmandu. Additionally, on 31 August, the national project team delivered a session on the right to food in a programme organized by the Community Self-Reliance Centre upon its invitation. Altogether 39 land rights activists attended the session primarily focused on enhancing conceptual understanding of the participants on the right to adequate food.

Finally, the project approved a work plan and communication strategy for the **El Salvador** component which is currently being implemented. In order to present the plan and strategy, the National Right to Food Consultant met with the Executive Director of CONASAN together with the PESA Coordinator. A number of important advocacy material specific to El Salvador’s context and needs was also drafted in collaboration with the international and project staff in hq and will be soon distributed to relevant stakeholders and used for training and advocacy activities planned within the work plan.

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*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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