



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 September 2012 in **Mozambique**, as part of the country project’s Advocacy and Communication Strategy, the national project team was involved in preparatory meetings with the UN Country Team (UNCT) in Mozambique for the roll-out of awareness raising training sessions on the right to food in order to increase their knowledge and understanding on this fundamental human right. As part of the fruitful ongoing collaboration with UNDP Mozambique, the national project team met with the UNDP Programme Manager for the Poverty Reduction Division to agree on a number of areas for joint collaboration and cross-fertilization on areas related to the right to food. Two concrete outcomes of such collaboration are the work which the national project team is undertaking to integrate the right to food in the UNDP Millennium Village Project and the upcoming work on the national HIV/AIDS legislation, currently being reviewed by Parliament and soon to be analyzed by the national project team through a right to food lens.

In **Nepal**, the national project team began working on a curriculum for a training workshop to enhance knowledge and skills of national stakeholders for monitoring the right to food in Nepal. The training will be held in November 2012 and will be targeting specifically 25/30 staff of National Institutions, in particular the National Human Rights Commission, and representatives of relevant NGOs and other civil society organizations working in the field of monitoring and protection of the right to food. The project team held, during a meeting with the National Planning Commission, agreed to jointly design and implement an orientation programme for government officials to be held in early 2013 and focusing on experience sharing, best practices and methodologies to integrate the right to food into the next Three Year Plan - preparation of which is currently underway. Finally, on 14 September, the national project consultant facilitated a session on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCRs), with focus on the right to food in the context of migrations during a five-day training programme organized by the Women Rehabilitation Centre (WOREC-Nepal) in Kathmandu. The discussion touched upon how women human rights defenders can run advocacy and monitoring activities for the greater realization of ESCRs. Altogether 20 women human rights defenders from different parts of the country attended the session.

Finally on 25 September in **Bolivia**, the national project team organized a meeting of the Technical Thematic Committee within the CT-CONAN with the aim of assessing and analyzing right to food indicators for national validation. Such process is currently being led by the Ministry of Justice, the National Institute for Statistics (Instituto Nacional de Estadística – INE) and the OHCHR Bolivia. The project is contributing to such process through the support and technical expertise provided to the CT-CONAN. Ms. Mila Paspalanova from OHCHR Mexico, an expert on human rights indicators, also attended this meeting which was concluded through a systematic peer review of such indicators.

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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