



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 November 2012, the project supported a mission to Nepal and Mozambique undertaken by the Project Officer. The mission to **Nepal** was undertaken from the 6-13 November with the main objective of backstopping the project, meet the project national partners at FAO and other national stakeholders, review the current status of implementation of the project, and explore future priority areas for 2013. More practically the mission aimed at marking the beginning of project activities in Nepal through a training workshop entitled “Monitoring and Protection of the Right to Adequate Food”. The training workshop was organized to enhance knowledge and understanding of the participants on the fundamentals of the right to adequate food; provide conceptual clarity on monitoring methodologies; help participants develop strategies and actions to apply such methodologies within their national and local contexts. Through discussions with the participants; games; and finally through a final and documented evaluation of the training, the following outcomes were achieved: participants showed to have improved their knowledge on the right to food’s fundamental concepts. Secondly they significantly grasped basic monitoring techniques and showed conceptual knowledge of what it means to monitor the right to adequate food. Such knowledge will be retained through a wealth of documents and reference material which was shared during the training workshop. Finally, the participants created an informal network to exchange experiences, ideas and progress on their work related to the right to food. They divided themselves in smaller groups formed on the basis of their organizations’ similarities, and developed short action plans to apply what they learned during the training. The action plans were documented and recorded.

Overall the mission helped defining priorities, activities and future areas of work of the project in Nepal and revising the work plan according to newly identified areas of work for 2013.

The mission to **Mozambique** was undertaken from 14-22 November. During the mission, the National Team and Project Officer undertook a three day work planning meeting where together they analyzed and took stock of the project implementation and delivery in 2012, discussed challenges, lessons learned and opportunities and priority areas for 2013. During the mission the Team reviewed a number of communication and information products, including the final version of SETSAN’s website containing a page on the right to food and reflecting the Mozambique’s component of the Project. The webpage was launched in December 2012.

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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