



## 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 the context of its **Global Level Services**, the project contributed to the publication [Guidance Note: Integrating the Right to Adequate Food into food and nutrition security programmes](#), which was published during the month of February 2013. This Guide is a truly corporate effort, developed mainly with regular programme resources from different divisions and close collaboration during 2011 and 2012 between the Integrated Food Security Support Service (TCSF) of the Policy and Programme Support Division (TCS) and the Right to Food Team of the Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA). It is a result of an inter-departmental participatory process and numerous contributions from practitioners and experts from the field and FAO headquarters were received. The Guide will be available in English, French and Spanish.

The Global Level Services component was also key to the contribution from a right to food perspective made to the International Conference on Forests for Food Security and Nutrition. The project began developing a background paper entitled “A right to food based approach to enhance the contribution of non-wood forest products to food security and nutrition” which will be finalized and distributed next month.

In **Mozambique**, the project undertook an important meeting with the President of the National Human Rights Commission (NCHR) in Maputo in view of setting the integration of the right to food as a priority within the work of the Commission. This meeting concluded with an agreement that the project will provide technical assistance and capacity development support to the Commission, whilst supporting it with awareness raising activities such as the production of a video on the right to food. The two parties also agreed that the project should as much as possible take part to events organized by the Commission and be involved in the preparation of the work planning of the Commission for the coming years. The national project team will also have the opportunity to prepare a seminar on the right to food for NHRC members.

In **Nepal**, the new National Right to Food Consultant began working under the project mid-month, together with an engaged national field office team composed by a Programme Officer and the AFAOR. The approved work plan 2013, has therefore begun being implemented at full speed with the preparation of the first activities of 2013, including a training workshop for journalists in the Karnali region of Nepal, a training workshop with the National Planning Commission, one with the National Human Rights Commission, a number of street drama activities at community level, and collaboration with the Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (ACORAB) of Nepal.

Finally, this month the project wants to draw the readers’ attention to the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ White paper approved in the Council of State on 21 September 2012 entitled ‘Norway and the United Nations: Common Future, Common Solutions’.

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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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