



## 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 **Mozambique**, the project initiated the preparation of the Civil Society Organizations Mapping exercise, an activity which is aiming at providing geographical and situational clarity on the CSOs working on FNS in Mozambique. The work will be carried out by the [SETSAN](#) FNS Promotion Department. The project already contacted a number of CSOs at central and province levels to gather the information needed for the activity. Information on CSOs will be gathered by SETSAN focal points, but also through the [Scaling Up Nutrition](#) (SUN) initiative and the Multi-sectoral Action Plan for the Reduction of Chronic Malnutrition (PAMRDC), which are among the main information sources for the work being undertaken.

It is worthwhile mentioning the increased interest for the right to food expressed by the Mozambican Parliament, a new positive development that took place in July 2013 and which the project is making sure to support. For this reason, the project has been actively seeking for more synergies also with the FAO Office in order to coordinate and reach out jointly to this body and undertake possible activities on the right to food. The national project team is in fact currently working on a Food and Nutrition Security training for the National Assembly for which terms of reference and training materials have already been produced. The event will be undertaken in September 2013.

In **El Salvador**, the national project team developed five trainings attended by professionals from different national Institutions, such as the Ministries of Health and Education, the National Center for Agricultural and Forestry Technology (CENTA) and the Supreme Court of Justice. As a result of these trainings, the teachers committed themselves to coordinating with their local directors to include the right to food in social sciences programs of the next school year. They also recommended that the project should support the National Curriculum Unit of the Ministry of Education to set it up as a part of the National Curriculum theme. The judges mentioned that this training was important in order for them to include Art. 11 (of the ICESCR) in all sentences related to the right to food principles and that they will be sending to FAO Representation in El Salvador this kind of resolutions to start generating internal jurisprudence on this matter.

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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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