



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 will address 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 will also allow FAO to participate to global efforts to mainstream human rights in development work.

The Project has continued establishing country-level plans in cooperation with other FAO Right to Food Projects, national counterparts and FAO colleagues. During the month of April 2011 the Project supported the following activities in **Mozambique**:

- One meeting held at the National Disasters Management Institute (INGC) to understand the progress on the Emergency Law (Lei de Emergencia) in order to learn whether both the right to food and human rights principles are being included in their approach.
- The systematization process for the drafting of the right to food law was finalized by six members of the *Task Force* mandated to accompany the process of the development of the law. The team is made of four members of the Ministry of Agriculture, one member of the Ministry of Justice and the Right to Food Legal Consultant based in Mozambique.
- The *Task Force* analyzed and systematized all comments and responses from the 11 provinces of the country, to a previously sent questionnaires, which aimed at assessing, among others, the most essential components of the law. The final compilation showed a map of what are the main preoccupations of the population in respect to their food security and nutrition. The systematization process was coordinated by the Right to Food Legal Consultant based in Mozambique.
- Preparations were made for an advocacy and work planning mission to be undertaken by the Project Manager in May 2011. The objectives of the mission will be to discuss with high-level government and other stakeholders representatives the progress achieved around the drafting of right to food law so far; set priorities for future joint activities; and develop the work plan for the Project.

In April 2011 in **Bolivia**, a concept note has been drafted by CONAN - the Project’s main national partner in Bolivia - and approved by FAO staff working under the Project. The concept note contains activities to be carried out as an immediate response to the different legislative processes underway and will be part of a broader work plan complementary to other projects implemented by CONAN in cooperation with FAO.

The Right to Food Team in FAO works on the implementation of the human right to adequate food, using the Right to Food Guidelines. The Team’s vision is the one of a full realization of this human right, through it being respected, protected and fulfilled everywhere.

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