



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.

During the month of May 2011 the project supported an important advocacy and work planning mission to **Mozambique**, undertaken by the Project Manager with the aim of: discussing with high-level government and other stakeholders’ representatives the progress achieved around the drafting of right to food law so far; setting priorities for future joint activities; and developing the work plan for the Project. The mission’s highlights were the meetings with the President of Parliament and with the Minister of Justice, showing the commitment by Mozambique to finalize the law. The mission undertaken by the Project Manager also had the impact of strengthening cooperation between SETSAN and FAO Office in Mozambique.

A retreat of the Task Force discussed the consolidated contribution from the provinces, districts and ministries to the draft law. The drafting of the right to food law (Zero Draft) started. The guidelines to start the Zero Draft have been provided to the Drafting Group composed by six sub-groups divided by themes according to the essential content of the right to food law, namely e.g. institutions, nutrition and others.

During this month, the participatory development of a right to food law in Mozambique moved from the level of awareness building and consultation of the sectors involved, districts, and provinces to a more political level, with engagement of the parliament and the Ministry of Justice.

A member of the Right to Food Team in FAO and the FAO Office in **El Salvador** had a meeting to introduce the Project Right to Food at Country Level and discuss possible areas of collaboration focusing on human rights-based approaches such as school feeding programmes.

*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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