



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.

This month, the **Global Services** component of the Project allowed FAO to finalize a study entitled [“The right to food and global strategic frameworks: The Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition \(GSF\) and the UN Comprehensive Framework for Action \(CFA\)”](#), developed jointly with the Geneva academy of humanitarian law and human rights. In light of recent developments, this study aims to provide guidance on how the right to adequate food can best be integrated into these two frameworks. Seen both as an analytical and practical tool, it is divided into four main sections: the evolution of the right to adequate food and the rights-based approach to the fight against hunger; an introduction to the CFA/UCFA as well as the GSF; possible ways to introduce the right to adequate food into the CFA/UCFA; and recommendations for the integration of the right to adequate food into the GSF. While the CFA/UCFA has already been adopted, the GSF is still being debated, thus offering a possibility for further right to food implementations. Therefore this study reminds us of the necessity to seize such an opportunity and addresses it in detail.

During the month of May, important discussions have been held around the Project logical framework of the **Mozambique** component of the Project. The Project Team at head quarters and in Mozambique recently approved a revised work plan which has been adjusted in order to be more in line with current country needs. It now emphasizes even more a focus on advocacy and sensitization activities in the areas of key legislations, institutions, policies and programmes. The outcome of this important revision is also notable at partnership level: the Project’s implementers on the ground, namely the FAO Office in Mozambique, SETSAN and MUGEDE (Organization of Mulher, Género e Desenvolvimento – Women, Gender and Development), will continue working jointly and even closer together on a number of activities foreseen by the Project, whose success is set on their close interaction and exchange.

Finally, in **Bolivia** the National Project Team organized the 4th Meeting of the CT-CONAN, during which the Team presented progress made on the background document of a Food and Nutrition Policy including programs which will be developed by the Ministries of CONAN. The document makes clear reference to right to food and includes a number of initiatives and programs which present a human rights-based approach. During the meeting, the participants set a date at the end of June to officially present the document to the Committee.

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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