



## 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.*

June 2012 was particularly important for the Project as its donor, the Government of Norway, approved and signed an **Addendum** which will ensure a continuation of activities of the Project Right to Food at Country Level until 2013. The Project extension will enable to further address country challenges and changing national political, social, economic and cultural contexts by promoting national right to food in efforts to achieve food security for all. It will continue to particularly advocate for, and show, practical advantages of integrating the right to food and applying the human rights principles, especially in policy and programme cycles in the four countries it has been supporting since the beginning of 2011: Mozambique, Bolivia, Nepal and El Salvador, and possibly an additional country. It will also allow to focus more on investing in human capacity in these countries and will help strengthening the capacity of FAO country offices as well as the provision of support and capacity development to national institutions and civil society organizations. An extension to Right to Food at Country Level is in line with FAO’s ongoing commitment to the right to food and its renewed interest in mainstreaming it in a higher number of international and national processes, programmes and projects.

The Project supported a successful visit to Lima, Peru, of a delegation of Parliamentarians and Advisers to the Legislative Assembly from **El Salvador**. The visit had the objective of exchange opinions and share experiences with officials from national institutions and representatives from the private sector in Peru on the different programmes and projects which the country is currently developing with the aim of increasing food production and ensuring food security and nutrition for all, with strong references to the right to food. Most importantly, such programmes and projects are currently being discussed within the Peruvian Legislative Assembly and will be soon subject to the regulatory food security framework law. This exchange was very welcome by the Salvadorian delegation and appreciated by the host country. FAO El Salvador led the implementation of this successful activity, with the support from colleagues working with the *Iniciativa America Latina y Caribe sin Hambre* of the FAO Regional Office of FAO in Santiago de Chile.

The Project has been supporting efforts in **Bolivia** which on 13 June 2012 led to the approval of the [Supreme Decree n. 1254](#) on CONAN’s role. The Decree is the result of a long process of inter-ministerial dialogue and, although short, it contains important provisions from a right to food perspective. The Decree strengthens the National Council on Food and Nutrition of Bolivia (CONAN), the institution responsible for coordination of food security and nutrition issues in the country and partner of Right to Food at Country Level. The Decree clarifies CONAN’s mandate and formally entrusts it with the elaboration of a national Food and Nutrition Policy (FNP). It puts CONAN formally in charge of the implementation of programmes that target not only children up to 5 years as was the case up to now, but people of all ages, and which regard wider aspects of food and nutrition programs culturally acceptable to all. Most relevant is the explicit mentioning of the right to food in the Decree: this fundamental human right is now formally recognized as part of the mandate of CONAN. The Project is ready to continue its support to CONAN especially in its upcoming efforts to develop the main components of the FNP with strong human rights underpinnings.

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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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