



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.

July 2012 was particularly important for **Mozambique**, as the country hosted the IX Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP) in Maputo on 18-20 July. The theme of the conference was “The CPLP and the challenges of food and nutritional security”. SETSAN, the main institutional partner of the Project, was at a high level in the organization of the event, and its staff, including the Project’s technical team, was heavily involved in both the preparation of the event and during the summit itself. This included the preparation of background documents and a brochure on the situation of food security and nutrition (FSN) in CPLP countries. This brochure included data gathered on the most important developments on food security, nutrition and the right to food and the nutritional status in each of the 8 member countries. The Project also assisted with the drafting of speeches and outcome documents of the Conference, the organization of side events (such as the event organized by the ROSA which created an excellent space for CSO’s FSN country experience sharing), as well as other events - on rural women, a gastronomic fair, and on the cultural dimension of FSN. As a result, many of the above documents included the right to food as a fundamental human right and as an approach to be integrated in FSN legislation and policies and its added value.

The “Declaration of Maputo” adopted by the Summit reaffirms the objective of the ESAN CPLP to contribute to the realization of the human right to adequate food. Two main achievements of the CPLP summit are particularly relevant for the right to food and create a favorable momentum for work in this area. First, the CPLP Council on food and nutrition security (Conselho de Segurança Alimentar e Nutricional – CONSAN-CPLP) will equip the community with a platform for dialogue and coordination on food and nutrition security issues, with participation from civil society organizations. It will provide advice and support to the CPLP heads of state and government and build on work done in the context of national councils to be strengthened or established in line with the ESAN-CPLP. Second, the 2012 – 2014 FSN Action Plan of the CPLP Strategy of Food Security and Nutrition (ESAN CPLP) adopted by the Summit represents a concrete step towards the implementation of the strategy by strengthening legal, institutional, policy and budgetary frameworks for the realization of the right to adequate food. During the CPLP Summit, the Presidency of the CPLP was handed over to the President of Mozambique, who will be leading the efforts of the community in the next two years.

In **Bolivia** the Project has been organizing a seminar entitled "Building a Food and Nutrition Policy" in coordination with parliamentarians and senators of the Plurinational Legislative Assembly who have been promoting the establishment of a Parliamentary Front for Food Sovereignty. This seminar will be held at the beginning of August and will host Dr. Renato Maluf from Brazil as panelist.

Finally, the Project also finalized the recruitment of the two national right to food consultants in **Nepal** and **El Salvador** who will be key to the Project and will heavily contribute to the realization of the right to food for all in their respective countries. The consultants are now working on a definition of a work plan for their Project components. They will work closely with FAO field offices staff in order to support and strengthen national stakeholders’ understanding and knowledge on the right to food and its implementation in their countries through expertise, advocacy and capacity building.

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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