



Monthly Progress Note /// January 2013

Right to Food at Country Level

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.

In **Bolivia** the national project team supported the first review of a Parliamentary Bulletin for Food Sovereignty and the Right to Adequate Food, which provides information about the Front's objectives. The bulletin discusses also achievements of the Front, e.g. the results of the Parliamentary International Workshop on Food Sovereignty and the Right to Food held on 31 October 2012. Additionally, the national project team supported the staff of the Multisectoral Zero Malnutrition Program (PMDC), while preparing a report requested by the Ministry of Justice, regarding the advances on the Recommendations (n. 28 and n.32) made by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) towards the implementation of national efforts to ensure respect and equality of all rights for indigenous peoples (especially the right to education, to adequate housing, food and health services) and towards ensuring availability of adequate food to the population. In the report, the project team ensured that the advances and progress made by the CT-CONAN with the Food and Nutrition Security Policy were included.

In **Mozambique** the project worked on the Identification of champions to support both SETSAN and FAO (including within the One UN context), to advocate for the right to food. The champions identified include politicians, high level government and civil society officers, religious, academics, media, sports and private sector leaders. The profile and categorization of the champions are being drafted by the project. The champions may work within the letter of agreement with SETSAN or with the FAO and other UN Country Team initiatives.

In January 2013, the project made significant progress with the **El Salvador** Component as the new National Right to Food Consultant was hired towards the middle of the month and started supporting the project fully, together with the AFAOR and the FAO Office. A new work plan for activities in 2013 will be shortly formulated and approved to resume the implementation of the component for this year.

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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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