



## 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.*

Under the **Global Level Services** component of the project, the project team in head quarters made significant progress with the third expert consultation on the right to food which will take place in Dakar, Senegal in June 2013. The expert consultation entitled *The national implementation of the right to adequate food in West Africa*, is convened by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to food (UNSR) and organized jointly by FAO and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). It represents the third such consultation over the past two years. While the first one focused on experiences from Latin American and Caribbean countries (Colombia, 2011) and the second one focused on developments in Eastern and Southern African countries (Kenya, 2012), the consultation in Dakar will offer a platform for discussion and increase awareness for around 30 food experts from seven West African countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo) on the progress made and the challenges ahead in the realization of the right to adequate food for all.

In **Mozambique** the project organized a training for Southern Region implementers of the right to food (from the City and Province of Maputo, and provinces of Gaza and Inhambane) within the context of its letter of agreement with the Technical Secretariat for Food Security and Nutrition (SETSAN). This was the first of three of such regional trainings with the same objective in common: strengthen capacities on how to implement the right to food at provincial level. 35 technicians from Government, Civil Society organizations and other provincial partners of SETSAN were trained. The training was held in Bilene, in the Gaza Province and had the following main outputs:

- Trained participants on the concepts, principles and approaches of the right to food and food and nutrition security;
- Provided knowledge and awareness to the participants on policy frameworks and institutional coordination matters on the right to food and food and nutrition security;
- Trained participants on how to integrate human rights-based food and nutrition security issues in the Economic and Social Provincial Plan (PES Provincial).

During the training, the opening remarks were made by SETSAN’s representative Mrs. Francisca Cabral who reiterated the Government’s determination to eradicate food and nutrition insecurity and guarantee the right to food at national level. She also stressed the need to increase technical capacity among FNS workers in Mozambique on tools to ensure the realization of the right to food. She concluded addressing the importance of individual and institutional commitment for the realization of the right to food at country level and commended FAO’s continuous support in these matters.

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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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