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[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 May 2013, the project supported two missions, one to Nepal and one to El Salvador undertaken by the Project Officer and Senior Consultant of the Right to Food Team. The mission to **Nepal** was undertaken from the 13-21 May with the main objective of participating and contributing to a ‘Training Workshop on SMART indicators for monitoring the right to food’, organized by FAO and the Nepal Bar Association (NBA), in Dhulikhel (Nepal). The training workshop was attended by more than 20 participants from different NGOs and Institutions. It complemented previous efforts of the OHCHR and NHRC in Nepal to list a number of useful indicators to monitor the right to food and other fundamental human rights (available in the publication “[Indicators for Monitoring ESCR in Nepal: A User’s Guide](#)”). The training was based on existing tools, such as the 2009 University of Mannheim & FIAN’s IBSA handbook on Monitoring the Realization of ESCR: The Example of the Right to Food” and FAO’s “[Indicators to Measure the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food](#)”. It resulted in a revised list of structural, process and outcome indicators to assess and monitor the realization of the right to food in Nepal which was collected by FAO Nepal and will be later reviewed by the facilitation team, together with project partners from the NHRC, civil society organizations and relevant government officials. A final report of the training workshop will be available in the next few weeks. The mission also allowed to initiate a consultation process for a case study on the national implementation of the right to food in Nepal, and to conduct an afternoon programme on monitoring the right to food for the staff of the NHRC.

The mission to **El Salvador** was undertaken from 21 May to 1 June with the main objective to contribute and participate to the “[Training Workshop of Trainers on the Right to Food](#)”, organized by the national project team in El Salvador to provide Government and non-Government officials tools to better grasp the concept of the right to adequate food in a practical way. The training workshop helped them to better absorb such concepts and put them into practice. The event was attended by different institutions, such as the Ombudsman (PDDHH), Ministry of Education (MINED), and National Council for Food and Nutrition Security (CONASAN), and the University of El Salvador (UES). The methodology used for the training workshop was not a traditional one. Dance and improvised theater sessions were undertaken in order to engage participants to practical and life-based examples of the training thematic. This helped creating significant synergies between the participants in view of future work to be undertaken together, also with FAO. For instance, the UES committed to send to the group its analysis of the national FNS legislation which is currently being developed by its students. Additionally, the participants committed to prepare a letter to the National Assembly in support of the inclusion of the right to food in the constitution. A final report of the training workshop will be available in the next few weeks.

The **Global Level Services** component contributed to the International Conference on Forests for Food Security and Nutrition, which took place in Rome from 13-15 May 2013. It aimed, among others, to highlight the contribution of forests to FSN and to explore policy options to strengthen the role of forests in food security. This included a discussion on the contribution of the [right to food as innovative approach](#), and the presentation of a [Toolbox on how to integrate the right to food in the non-wood forest products sector in Central Africa](#) (available only in French).

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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