



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.

In **Mozambique** the project supported SETSAN holding a successful Parliamentary Event on the right to food which sensitized Parliamentarians on a right to food-based Agriculture Framework Law, which would emphasize a human right dimension in the area of food and nutrition security. The event helped Parliamentarians understand how to link the theme of agriculture and FSN through a human rights-based perspective. As a consequence to their participation, Parliamentarians decided to integrate all perspectives discussed during the event and set up a Multi Sectoral Task Force to develop the draft. The President of the Commission and other parliamentarians congratulated FAO’s work on the right to food and invited FAO to be part of the future Task Force and invited the organization to continue supporting a legislative process on agriculture and food security. FAO’s work in Mozambique and SETSAN will surely benefit from the outputs of this event and from the opportunity to resume supporting such an important process for the country. The event was important also for the level of ownership and commitment showed by SETSAN.

In the context of the 40th session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), the **Global Level Services** component of the project supported FAO in the organization of the [side event](#) entitled “[Right to Food Guidelines: Ten Years of Implementation](#)” jointly with the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights. The side event offered valuable guidance on a number of focus areas which could constitute the bulk of the analysis for the retrospective on the right to food and showed that it is possible to make the right to food a reality for all.

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Norway has agreed to an extension of its support to the project’s activities until June 2015, with additional funding in the amount of 1 million USD. We want to thank Norway for this support, which is also recognition of the important work being undertaken by the project.

Finally, we inform that the manager of the project *Right to Food at Country Level*, Mrs. Barbara Ekwall, has been appointed as Senior Liaison Officer at the FAO Liaison Office in Washington D.C. from mid-November 2013. The project team thanks her for the leadership and expertise provided, and wishes her all the best for her future.

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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