



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 the Mozambique Government in its contribution to the meeting of the Permanent Technical Secretariat of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (STP-CPLP) held in Cape Verde on 13-16 November 2013. The meeting was a side event of the Food Security and Nutrition Symposium of the CPLP. During the meeting, the main priorities of the Mozambique Presidency for the next six months were presented: mobilization of small-scale farmers, including rural women, to support the CPLP; definition of civil society participation mechanisms in the context of the CPLP Council on Food Security and Nutrition (CONSAN); launch of the campaign at national level “[Together against Hunger](#)”; and mobilization of the Parliaments for the creation of the Parliamentary Front for FSN, amongst others. The different initiatives agreed represent a further step towards the realization of the Mozambique agenda for the implementation of the right to food. For more information on the launch of the campaign in Mozambique, click [here](#).

In **El Salvador**, the national project team supported the launch of the [FAO awareness campaign on the Right to Adequate Food](#) created in collaboration with the Association of Radio and Participatory Programs of El Salvador ([ARPAS](#)). The radio campaign contains ten messages about the rights and the responsibilities that everyone should know to ensure the right to adequate food and aims at disseminating relevant information on healthy food and life style. More information are also available [here](#).

In **Bolivia**, the national project team contributed to the validation of the document “Lineamientos Técnico-Administrativos, Estándares de Calidad de la Alimentación Complementaria Escolar en Bolivia”, discussed in the context of the II Plurinational and Regional Meeting of Complementary School Feeding held on 28 and 29 November in the city of Tarija and organized by the Ministry of Education, WFP and FAO. The document is a practical and useful orientation guide addressed to the municipal governments about the functional and nutritional standards that school meals should have. The official bulleting of the meeting is available here: <http://www.sns.gob.bo/documentacion/doc-boletin/II%20encuentro%20plurinacional-tarija.pdf>.

Finally, all the national project teams began working on the work plans for 2014, by taking stock of the results, opportunities, challenges of the work undertaken in 2013 and begin planning the continuation of work at national level in Mozambique, Bolivia, Nepal and El Salvador in 2014. The project also contributed to Team’s efforts towards finalizing a Right to Food programme within FAO’s new [Strategic Framework](#) and in particular under Objective 1 (help eliminate hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition) and 3 (reduce rural poverty).

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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