



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 will address 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 will also allow FAO to participate to global efforts to mainstream human rights in development work.

In August 2011, the Right to Food Team in **Mozambique** working under the Project provided comments to the Food and Nutritional Security Strategy of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (Comunidade dos Países de Língua Portuguesa - CPLP). The Team provided recommendations on the text’s coherence and advised on how to integrate the right to food and PANTHER principles in the text. The Team also proposed the creation of a CPLP Alliance Against Hunger and Malnutrition, an initiative aiming at promoting public participation, the establishment of a adequacy pillar of the strategy and other technical issues.

The opening of a Baby Project under the Mozambique component of the Project was a significant accomplishment achieved during the month of August. The Baby Project will be implemented directly with and by the FAO office in Maputo and will contribute to the achievement of the main outcome of the Project, which is strengthening SETSAN to fulfill its mandate of promoting the right to food.

In **Bolivia**, the Project worked extensively for the preparation of an advocacy and work planning mission to be undertaken by the Project Manager in September 2011. The main objectives of the mission will be to discuss with high-level government and other stakeholders representatives the progress of the Project achieved so far and set priorities for future joint activities; sensitize authorities and high-level stakeholders on the possibilities in engaging on normative activities related to right to food implementation in Bolivia.

In the context of the **Global** component, the Project analyzed and gave important human rights-based and right to food inputs to the *Zero Draft of the African Human Development Report on Food Security for Human Development* (UNDP) and to the updated edition of the OECD publication "Integrating Human Rights into Development" (2006). In response to a specific request, the Project also provided human rights-based guidelines and content to a law drafting process in the Dominican Republic.

*The Right to Food Team in FAO works on the implementation of the human right to adequate food, using the Right to Food Guidelines.
The Team’s vision is the one of a full realization of this human right, through it being respected, protected and fulfilled everywhere.*

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