



## 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 November 2011 in **Bolivia**, the Project Team started working on the formulation of the food and nutrition policy in collaboration and coordination with three consultants from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). For this purpose, the counterparts organized two workshops to be held in La Paz and Cochabamba with the aim of working together with Food and Nutrition Departmental Councils (Consejos Departamentales de Alimentación y Nutrición, CODAN). The participants of the workshop in La Paz were the CODAN of La Paz, Potosí and Oruro, whereas the workshop in Cochabamba was attended by the CODAN of Cochabamba, Chuquisaca, and Beni. Together with the representatives from CODAN, there were also participants from civil society, international organizations and academia. The main output of the workshop was the food and nutrition policy proposal obtained through the utilization of a results-based management (RBM) methodology.

The Project also supported the realization of the event "*Food Sovereignty: challenges related to its realization, institutionalization and social participation*". The panel discussion event focused on: the role played by governments and civil society to achieve food sovereignty; how peasant agricultural models should be complementary to any support from the government to achieve food sovereignty; and finally on the extent to which the Law Nº 144 of the *Revolución Productiva Comunitaria Agropecuaria* (RPCA) can strengthen small farming. This workshop was the third activity conducted by CONAN together with the Plurinational Legislative Assembly of Bolivia.

Under the **Global** component of the Project, on November 3-4 the Project Team in Rome organized and ran a workshop for the FAO Integrated Food Security Support Service (TCSF) entitled "*Integrating the right to food into the development and implementation of programmes for food security*". The workshop aimed at showing in practical terms how the right to food can be integrated into food security work as an overall objective, as a set of principles influencing the process of decision-making, and as part of an approach based on the notions of rights and obligations. The workshop intended to also promote a right to food approach in food security work by increasing its understanding, relevance and added value. The workshop was attended by over forty participants, including FAO professional staff, national and regional programmes for food security coordinators, and government and civil society national staff.

The workshop was an important first step towards the consolidation of the collaboration between TCSF and the Right to Food Team in the Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA) of FAO. It built the basis for an important joint output of such collaboration, a practical *Guidance Note* to be completed within the first quarter of 2012 which will show the added-value of mainstreaming right to food in the work of TCSF.

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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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