



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 October 2011, the Project Team in **Mozambique** participated to the World Food Day celebrations in the provinces of Nampula and Maputo. The Project supported communications and advocacy activities, and more specifically facilitated the launch of brochures related to food security and nutrition policies approved by the Government of Mozambique - such as the Strategic Plan for Agricultural Development (Plano Estratégico para o Desenvolvimento do Sector Agrário - PEDSA) and the Multi-sectoral Action Plan for the Reduction of Chronic Malnutrition (PAMRDC) - and to the drafting process of the Right to Food Framework Law.

Notably, in October 2011, the Project Team in Mozambique produced a pamphlet entitled “*Alimentação adequada – Garantir este direito é dever de todos! Alimente bem o seu filho, e toda a família...*” (in English, “*Adequate food – Guaranteeing such right is everyone’s responsibility! Feed well your children and family...*”) The pamphlet includes concepts related to right to food definitions, principles and state obligations and illustrates through different examples how everyone is responsible for and can promote actions in compliance with this human right.

In **Bolivia** the Project Team hired a consultant to develop a Communication Strategy to support several initiatives, namely, government policies on the right to food; information and sharing activities around the Law Nº 144 of the *Revolución Productiva Comunitaria Agropecuaria* (RPCA) with respect to the implementation of the food and nutrition policy (which CONAN is entrusted with); and the inclusion of food and nutrition security and right to food in the Autonomy Statutes and Organic Charters of autonomous territorial entities.

Two important events in coordination with the Department of Human and Social Development of the Autonomous Government of Chuquisaca held in Bolivia the same month, represented a significant output of the Project:

- A seminar held on October 13-14 on the institutional and cross-cutting role of NGOs working in the area of human and social development in the Department of Chuquisaca. The objective of the seminar was to compile an inventory of such NGOs and better understand their areas of work in order to prevent duplication of activities and encourage the establishment of a common working and information sharing platform.
- A workshop held on October 27-28 with members of the Department of Human and Social Development. The workshop’s aim was to identify strategic departmental guidelines conducive to the achievement of human and social development. Such guidelines will also improve the quality of life of the population, and be beneficial for the formulation of strategies for social and human development policy implementation, in line with the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

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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