



## 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

In September 2011, the Project has made an important operational step by approving a letter of agreement with its main partner in **Mozambique**: the SETSAN, the Technical Secretariat for Food Security and Nutrition. The agreement has been established in order to support activities aiming at strengthening SETSAN’s capacity to promote the right to food and in particular its capacity to coordinate implementation efforts of the components of the Food and Nutrition Security Strategy II (ESAN II) that relate to the right to food. Specifically, the agreement envisages support to the final phase of the legislative process in the context of the right to food framework law in Mozambique.

Additionally, in September 2011, the Right to Food Team Mozambique contributed to boost advocacy in food security and nutrition related areas. Actions taken in this regard include: the promotion of the brochure on the Drafting Process of the Right to Food Framework Law to be launched countrywide in the celebrations of the World Food Day (WFD) 2011; the finalization of the brochure of the Strategic Plan for Development of the Agrarian Sector, within the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP); the finalization of the brochure of the Multisectoral Action Plan for reduction of Chronic Malnutrition (PAMRDC); and finally, support to the participation to the WFD 2011 of civil society actors, represented by ROSA (the Network of NGOs working on Food Sovereignty).

In **Bolivia**, the Project Manager and the International Legal Consultant based in Mozambique undertook an advocacy and work planning mission in September 2011. The mission’s aim was to contribute to strengthen CONAN as coordinating body for food and nutrition security. During the mission the staff discussed with high-level government and other stakeholders representatives the progress of the Project achieved so far and set priorities for future joint activities; sensitized authorities and high-level stakeholders on the possibilities in engaging on normative activities related to right to food implementation in Bolivia.

As importantly, in September 2011 the Project contributed to support CONAN in the formulation of the Decree regulating the Food and Nutrition Policy and aiming at establishing its principles, objectives and programs, through a human rights-based approach. Such policy will also establish mechanisms for implementation, monitoring and evaluation, as well as the re-structuring of CONAN.

In the context of the **Global** component, the Project contributed to the organization of a workshop on how to integrate the right to food into FAO Integrated Food Security Support Service (TCSF) programmes and projects. The workshop will increase the awareness of FAO staff about the relevance of a right to food approach in their work and practical ways to use this approach. In particular the workshop will increase understanding on how: the right to food can serve as guiding framework and overall objective; human rights principles can improve decision-making processes; other notions of rights, obligations and responsibilities can strengthen food security work.

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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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