

Unit 1: Introduction to the Right to Food

Lesson: Rights and obligations

Learning Objectives:

At the end of this lesson, the learner will be able to:

- understand obligations and responsibilities of duty bearers;
- understand rights and responsibilities of right holders;
- apply criteria for identifying a violation of the Right to Food;
- understand the difference between violation and non compliance and;
- understand the need of a recourse mechanism.

Suggestions for authors: Describe the core components (the ABC) of any legal system of rights with rights holders (A), duty bearers (B) and agents of accountability (C). Emphasise on the need of a claim mechanism to link the right holders with the duty bearers. By considering the various State obligations (respect, protect, etc.) illustrate the difference between violating and not complying with the Right to Food.

Learning Step 1: Right holders

Scope Notes: Describe the rights and entitlements of right holders; the importance of having the possibility to inform, complain, etc. Include the responsibility of rights holders to take care of themselves.

Learning Step 2: Duty bearers

Scope Notes: Describe what are obligations, commitments and responsibilities of duty bearers (respect, protect, fulfil – facilitate - provide). Good governance.

Learning Step 3: Violation of Right to Food

Scope Notes: Provide examples of specific situations where Right to Food is violated.....

Learning Step 4: The concept of "Non compliance"

Scope Notes: Provide examples of specific situations where states don't comply with the Right to Food.

Learning Step 5: The recourse/claim mechanism/ agents of accountability

Scope Notes: Highlight the need of a recourse mechanism to link rights to duties. The role of the institutions. The need to inform the Right Holder.

Resources:

Eide/Kracht Food and HR in development.
George Kent Freedom from Want.
IWG 2004 Justiciability of the Right to Food.