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WHY?

Developing a strategy to implement the right to food must begin by evaluating the current situation. Right to Food Guideline* 3.2 recommends that duty-bearers (states) start with a careful assessment of existing national legislation, policy and administrative measures, current programmes, systematic identification of existing constraints and availability of existing resources .

Not only the outcomes and impacts of policy and programme measures are important, but also the implementing processes; rights-based processes are transparent, participatory, non-discriminatory and empower rights-holders to hold duty-bearers accountable. Subsequent analysis will reveal what policy changes, new measures and food security priorities can best lead to realization of the right to food.

WHO?

Generally governments initiate right to adequate food assessments, but civil society organisations can also undertake an assessment. Making the assessment jointly increases the likelihood that its conclusions will be accepted by all and that recommended follow-up actions will be implemented. This common-sense approach puts more emphasis on common understanding than on academic precision. In this spirit, rights holders must be consulted during the preparation of the assessment and included in subsequent activities. It is very important to gather an assessment team and select its members from different disciplines.

The core elements of the assessment are:

- † : Uv eZ TRZ_ R UTYRRTVZREZ_ `VV UZ dVf dLgf | VRS|VR U^ RvZ R|ZkU groups that do not enjoy the right to adequate food (and likely other economic, social and cultural rights)
- † F_UcdR_UZ Xf_UVj_ZXcdR_dVRIYXc f a ZIW UZ dVf dLgf | VRS|VL marginalized
- † F_UcdR_UZ X|WR| R_UZ dZf eZ_R| V_gZ_ ^ V_ehYcVa` |Z| zac XR^ ^ V measures must be implemented and risks that could jeopardise the furthering of the right to adequate food
- † F_UcdR_UZ Xd^ cE^ ^ Z_Xi` W|Zz_X` cac a` dUa` |ZZc^ac XR^ ^ VdR_UeV need to re-design to incorporate a rights-based approach toward realizing the right to adequate food.

