



## 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 January 2012, in **El Salvador**, the Project Team made important advances on finalizing the country work plan and priorities for 2012. A concept note containing activities to be carried out in cooperation with the Legislative Assembly and CONASAN (*Consejo Nacional de Seguridad Alimentaria y Nutricional*) was drafted by the FAO Office in El Salvador and later approved by FAO the Project Manager. In this connection, a National Project Coordinator will be hired with the objective of providing the Project with technical advice and expertise related to the right to food and human rights-based approaches. Activities in the country will focus on building an advocacy and communication strategy to raise more awareness and increase understanding of the right to food among Government Officials and other stakeholders, at all levels. In particular, one of the activities in the concept note envisages supporting the creation of a National Forum on the Right to Food in El Salvador.

In **Bolivia**, following the two workshops which took place in La Paz and Cochabamba in November 2011, the Technical Team at CONAN continued working on the main output of the workshop: a food and nutrition security policy proposal obtained through the utilization of a results-based management (RBM) methodology, to align to recent adjustments to the proposed Decree meant to define the new structure of CONAN. Lastly, the Technical Team also produced a set of Guidelines (*“Guía de implementación del Derecho Humano a la Alimentación Adecuada en el Nivel Municipal”*) which propose ways to strengthen the right to food at district level in several contexts: legal, political and communication.

Under the **Global** component, the Project Team began working on a joint product with the Integrated Food Security Support Service (TCSF): an outline for a *Guidance Note* on how to integrate the right to food into national programmes and strategies addressing food insecurity. The Institute of Hunger Studies (Instituto de Estudios del Hambre IEH) has been engaged to facilitate the process, because of the insightful expertise and knowledge it possesses on both subject matters: the right to food and food security programmes.

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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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