



## 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 February 2012, the Project Officer undertook an assessment and technical backstopping mission to **Nepal** and met with all Project counterparts to define the work plan and initiate activities in the country. Focus areas were identified for the following activities: strengthen the role of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC); provide advice and support to the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC) and the National Planning Commission (NPC); support FAO efforts to integrate the right to food into programmes and plans for food security; cooperate and work closely with the UN Country Team on human rights issues; and increase participation of CSOs (in particular of the Right to Food Network) and national NGOs in work related to the right to food in Nepal.

In the context of the **Global** component, the Project made an important step by establishing a Letter of Agreement (LoA) with the international human rights organization for the right to food FIAN (FoodFirst Information and Action Network) to support two important processes: undertake information and advocacy work to integrate the right to food into the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (GSF); and facilitate the promotion and launch of a civil society driven Global Right to Food Network (GRTFN). The latter is part of a right to food project funded by Spain, and this LoA is an example of collaboration across projects on right to food issues. Additionally, a study is being developed by the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in collaboration with the Project Team to provide guidance on how the right to food can be integrated into global strategic frameworks for food security and nutrition, in particular in the GSF. The study identifies priorities and opportunities for human rights-based approaches, and in particular for the right to food, to overcome institutional, policy, programme and strategic challenges in the formulation and implementation of such strategies.

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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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