



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 August-September 2013 the project organized a field mission by the Senior Legal Consultant to **Bolivia**. The mission also allowed for the Consultant to participate to the *IV Foro Regional Frente Parlamentario contra el Hambre de América Latina y El Caribe* which was held in Santa Cruz de la Sierra on 4-5 of September. It is noteworthy to mention the participation to the Forum by Mr. Francisco Mucanheia, President of the of the National Assembly in Mozambique, as a special invitee from the African Region in view of the getting contact with the Latin America Parliament experience and promoting the right to food through the development of similar initiatives in his country, such as the drafting process for an agriculture and food and nutrition security law. His participation was made possible through the support and coordination of the project’s staff both at head quarters and Mozambique, in addition to support received by relevant FAO Offices at national and regional level (Mozambique, Bolivia and Chile in particular).

During her mission, the Senior Consultant undertook together with the national project team a second event to discuss this time the final draft of one of the national cases study being produced in the context of the project. The final version of the case study on Bolivia will incorporate the results of the event and will be soon discussed among relevant project stakeholders.

Furthermore, two trainings were organized with her support: the first one on how to adopt a human rights-based approach (HRBA) in FAO projects and programmes, which targeted exclusively FAO Project and Programme Officers in Bolivia and their work within the Country Programming Framework (CPF) 2013-2017 that focus on four specific priority areas: Food Security and Sovereignty, Family Agriculture, Climate Change and Sustainability, and Food Safety and Agricultural Health.

The second training was organized by CONAN on the *exigibility* (justiciability) of the right to food and targeted different stakeholders working on this human right in Bolivia, such as the OHCHR, delegates from CONAN, CSOs, National Police, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Autonomy and the *Defensoría del Pueblo*. The training was particular relevant to discuss technical inputs for the legislative framework on the right to food and the need to have mechanisms for the justiciability of such right. The interest of the participants was remarkable so that it was suggested to replicate this training with their individual institutions.

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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