



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.

On Human Rights Day, held every year on 10 December, the FAO Right to Food Team [launched](#) a number of publications and tools to help further the progressive realization of the right to food. The project directly contributed to the publication [the Human Right to Adequate Food in the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition – A Global Consensus](#), authored by FIAN International, which documents the consensus reached in the context of the Global Strategic Framework with respect to recommendations that are particularly interesting from a right to food perspective. It also offers important suggestions to stakeholders on how to translate the global consensus into practice at the national level, notably by presenting a variety of experiences and case studies which demonstrate the importance of a human rights-based approach to food security and nutrition. The project also supported the finalization of the Nepalese version of the [Right to Food Voluntary Guidelines to support the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of the national food security](#).

In Bolivia, the national project team supported Parliament include the right to food into the art. 16 of the Framework Law of the new “Code of Boys, Girls and Adolescents” ([Código Niña, Niño y Adolescente](#)), approved by the Bolivian Chamber of Deputies (*Camara de Diputados*) of the Plurinational Legislative Assembly. This was the result of a joint collaboration between FAO, UNICEF and the Parliamentary Network. The project continued providing its support to the Ministry of Education on the Complementary School Feeding Law (*ACE – Alimentación Complementaria Escolar*). Finally, the Right to Food and the Parliamentary Front Against Hunger were included into the institutional [video](#) of the FAO Representation in Bolivia to sensitize public awareness on the Right to Food. DVD copies of the video will be distributed to relevant stakeholders and authorities.

As part of FAO collaboration with universities, and in collaboration with the FAO Social Protection Division, the project team gave a 2-hour lecture on the Right to Food and Food Security to International Law students of the Law Faculty of the *Libera Università degli Studi Maria SS. Assunta* (LUMSA) of Rome. The right to food is integral part of the degree’s curriculum.

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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