

The Right to Food Methodological Toolbox

About 5 years ago, in 2004, FAO Council adopted the Voluntary Guidelines to support the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security (Right to Food Guidelines). This represented a major milestone in the implementation of the human right to food, following the political engagements made at the World Food Summits in 1996 and 2002.

Since the adoption of the Guidelines, FAO has supported countries in their efforts to promote the right to food through information and awareness building, capacity development, technical expertise and the development of implementation tools and methodologies.

The present Right to Food Methodological Toolbox represents a major step to bring the right to food even closer to operationalisation. While the Right to Food Guidelines comprise recommendations on WHAT needs to be done in some 19 different policy areas to promote this human right for all, the Toolbox shows HOW this can be done. It contains a series of analytical, educational and normative tools that offer guidance and hands-on advice on the practical aspects of the right to food.

The Toolbox comes at an opportune moment. More and more countries are presently seeking to integrate the right to adequate food into their legislations, strategies, policies and programs and these tools will offer valuable guidance. FAO is committed to assist them in these efforts.

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- ✓ Detailed guidance on how to integrate the right to food into the different levels of a national legislation.
- ✓ The most current and relevant methodological and operational information related to monitoring the right to adequate food.
- ✓ Methodological and operational assistance to identify and characterize marginalized and vulnerable groups suffering from hunger and food insecurity.
- ✓ Practical curriculum that gives the foundations for education, training and advocacy on the right to food.
- ✓ Recommendations on planning, implementing and monitoring public allocations and expenditures for this human right.

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1. GUIDE ON LEGISLATING FOR THE RIGHT TO FOOD

The Guide on Legislating for the Right to Food provides assistance to legislators and lawyers as to how to integrate the right to food into the different levels of the national legislation. It describes different ways to protect the right to food in the constitution, provides step by step guidance on drafting a framework law and, presents a methodology for reviewing the compatibility of sectoral laws with the right to food. A large variety of country examples and experiences related to legislative processes regarding the right to adequate food implementation are presented in the guide.



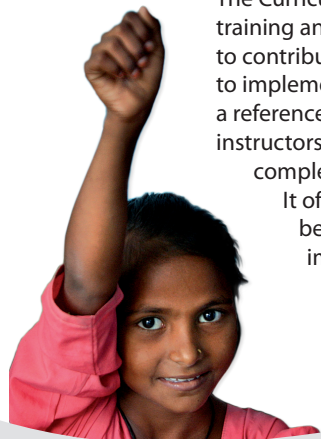
2. METHODS TO MONITOR THE HUMAN RIGHT TO ADEQUATE FOOD (Volume I - Volume II)

This Guide provides different methodologies for monitoring the right to adequate food. It is addressed to technical staff in public sector institutions and civil society organisations responsible for planning and monitoring food security, nutrition and poverty reduction policies and programmes. This guide helps to examine the results and impacts of policies and projects, against specific goals that have been set as desired outcomes for the enjoyment of the human right to adequate food.



4. RIGHT TO FOOD CURRICULUM OUTLINE

The Curriculum Outline is a unique basis for education, training and advocacy on the right to food. It aims to contribute to strengthening in-country capacity to implement this human right and can be used as a reference guide by university lecturers, teachers, instructors and trainers in developing specific courses or complete training programmes on the right to food. It offers different learning paths that enable them to be more effective in developing capacity for the implementation of the right to food.



3. GUIDE TO CONDUCTING A RIGHT TO FOOD ASSESSMENT

The present Guide provides methodological and operational assistance for governments, civil society and other stakeholders for the assessment of the right to food situation at national level. The guide offers methods for the assessment of the legal, policy and institutional environment in order to understand whether a country is on track in responding to the root causes of hunger. Based on FAO-supported country case studies experiences, its content also contributes to identify what measures need to be taken to address possible gaps.



5. BUDGET WORK TO ADVANCE THE RIGHT TO FOOD

This Guide is a valuable tool for civil society, human right defenders, interested legislators and government institutions as it explores some of the many complex ways that government budgets relate to the realization of the right to food. It provides a 10-steps guidance for the process of building a right to food case, analysing the government budget and presenting a claim. It also examines three case studies in order to draw lessons to understand if a national budget is geared up to the use of the maximum resources for the realization of the right to food.

