

**National Consultation on Food Security and Food Sovereignty held in Kabul,  
Afghanistan on June 25, 2011**

We the citizens of Afghanistan, representatives of governments, human rights organizations, members of civil societies from the country, met in Kabul on June 25, 2011, in a national level consultation meeting on Food Security and Food Sovereignty organized by Afghanistan Human Rights Organization (AHRO).

This Declaration represents the collective will of the participants to develop Food Sovereignty Network Afghanistan to work for promotion of right to food and all other human rights. We, the participants of this consultation demand the followings:

1. Operationalise Food Security/Sovereignty by implementing genuine agrarian reform, which includes land reform, appropriate water management system and development of adequate infrastructure for agriculture and which is gender sensitive.
2. Promote such agricultural practices which include the true right to food and which are which are ecologically, socially, economically and culturally appropriate to the unique/diverse circumstances of Afghanistan.
3. Government should develop appropriate Food security programmes which should be transparent and implemented in a participatory way.
4. Empower concerned ministries with knowledge, skills and resources to enable them to fully realize food security and food sovereignty. Improve coordination and communication among the relevant ministries.
5. Protect and promote local agro based small industries through appropriate policy measures and ensure sustained employment for the citizens, respect labour rights.
6. Establish appropriate mechanism to monitor and control prices of food items to ensure food security of all.
7. Stop land grabbing and encroachment on properties.
8. Guarantee peace and security for all and in case of any conflict/violence provide adequate protection/support to victims in order to ensure their food security
9. Aware larger communities about human rights, in particular right to food.
10. Ensure development of pro-people disaster management plan in line with food sovereignty principles.
11. Ensure appropriate revision/reform of legal framework/policies to create conducive climate for full realization of right to food and all human rights.
12. Promote strong networking among NGOs/CSOs and social movements for effective advocacy and lobby work with state authorities. Effective cooperation should be established between civil society and government.
13. Food should not be used for political advantage, ensure transportation of food across borders without hurdles.

We the participants of this consultation demand genuine political will of the state for upholding Food Sovereignty as the peoples' alternative development for food production and distribution. We call for end of Hunger now and realization of food security & sovereignty in Afghanistan. We strongly feel that ensuring peace is a precondition for realization of food security in the country. We would work towards this end in a responsible and accountable way.