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TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSIONS

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20th anniversary of the Right to Food Guidelines – Call for inputs on the realization of the Human Right to Adequate Food

Template for submissions

Please use this submission template to share your experience on the realization of the human right to adequate food, including in the use and application of the Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security (RTFG).

The Call for Submissions is open until 17 December 2023.

For the necessary background and guidance, please refer to the topic note and other relevant documents available the Call webpage. Please keep the length of submissions limited to 1,000 words.

You can upload the completed form online or, alternatively, send it to fsn-moderator@fao.org. Submissions can be made in any of the UN languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish). You can add links or attachments with case studies or additional information to your contribution.
## Template for submissions

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| Affiliation              | ☐ Government  
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☐ Civil Society / NGO  
☐ Private Sector  
☒ Academia  
☐ Donor  
☐ Other (specify) |
| Awareness of the Right to Food Guidelines and CFS policy agreements | How did you become aware of the Right to Food Guidelines (e.g., CFS meeting or event, other UN Organizations, internet, colleagues, government, civil society organization)? |
|                          | Have you taken any actions to make the Right to Food Guidelines known to your colleagues, partners or other stakeholders? |
|                          | ☐ No  
☒ Yes |
|                          | If yes, please explain:  
These are the key elements of the input: |
|                          | 1. In order to impart knowledge regarding the Right to Food Guidelines to colleagues and collaborators, arrange workshops and training sessions. |
|                          | 2. Construct policy briefs and reports that emphasize the significance of the guidelines and their potential implementation in initiatives pertaining to honeybee products. |
|                          | 3. Participate in cooperative endeavors that implement the principles within the framework of honeybee product advancements. |
4. Commence advocacy campaigns with the objective of expanding the reach of the guidelines.

5. Incorporate the guidelines into the policies and procedures of the organization.

By taking these measures, one can contribute to the promotion of the Right to Food Guidelines and the enhancement of awareness regarding initiatives pertaining to honeybee products.

**What would you recommend to Member States, UN Agencies and/or other stakeholders to make the Right to Food Guidelines more widely known? Please explain:**

Utilizing honeybee products as a promotional strategy for the Right to Food Guidelines is an innovative approach. Promotion of this approach, entitled "Sweet Solutions: Empowering Communities Through Honeybee Products for a Sustainable Future," may be accomplished via the incorporation of this approach into national strategies, educational programs and workshops, policy advocacy, collaborations with United Nations agencies and stakeholders, publications, and media outreach. By increasing awareness regarding the significance of honeybees and their products in the pursuit of sustainable development and food security, these initiatives can aid in the fulfillment of the universal right to sufficient food.
### Have your say where it matters!

The FAO Right to Food Team and the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) invite stakeholders to:

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#### (i) Experiences and good practices

(i) **Share your experiences and good practices on the realization of the right to food for everyone, always:**

**The main points of the input are:**

1. Promoting local food production using honeybee products can provide income for communities and reduce dependence on imported goods (Leyronas & Coriat, 2020).

2. Beekeeping contributes to biodiversity conservation and sustainable agriculture practices (Ross et al., 2020).

3. Education and training on beekeeping empower individuals and communities to generate income and improve livelihoods (Strakos & Sanches, 2017).

4. Digital tools can be used to promote honeybee products and educate communities about their benefits (Juddi et al., 2023).

5. Governments can provide policy support for beekeeping, such as subsidies, regulations, and promotion in public procurement (Strakos & Sanches, 2017).

#### (ii) Gaps, constraints and challenges

(ii) **Identify any gaps, constraints and challenges encountered in realizing the right to food or in implementing the Right to Food Guidelines:**

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The concept of "Sweet Solutions: Empowering Communities Through Honeybee Products for a Sustainable Future" has the potential to contribute to the right to food. However, there are several challenges that may arise in its implementation. These challenges include issues related to land rights and access to resources (Tura, 2017), product lifespan and sustainability (Niklewicz-Pijaczyńska et al., 2021), community empowerment and knowledge transfer (Shofiyullah et al., 2021), international trade regulations (Makore et al., 2022), environmental impact and energy efficiency (Lampón, 2022), community participation (Adebayo & Butcher, 2021), and nutritional assessment (Salcedo Fidalgo & Morales, 2019). Addressing these challenges will be crucial for the successful implementation of honeybee product production initiatives and their contribution to food security.

### (iii) Lessons learned and suggested recommendations

**Share any lessons learned and suggest recommendations for improvement in realizing the right to adequate food:**

The main points of the input are:

1. Collaboration and coordination among stakeholders are crucial for the success of honeybee product initiatives, addressing issues related to land rights, environment, and community engagement (Alestig, 2023; Teuber, 2011).

2. Empowering communities through education and training in beekeeping and honeybee product production is important for the long-term sustainability of these initiatives (Hamer et al., 2016).

3. Innovative communication strategies, such as social media and digital tools, can be used to promote honeybee products and engage the community (Hamer et al., 2016).

4. Governments should support honeybee product initiatives through public procurement policies, subsidies for beekeeping equipment, and regulations to protect bees and their habitats (Teuber, 2011).

5. Regular monitoring and evaluation of honeybee product initiatives are necessary to identify and address challenges and guide future approaches (Alestig, 2023; Teuber, 2011).

The "Sweet Solutions: Empowering Communities Through Honeybee Products for a Sustainable Future" initiative can incorporate these suggestions to promote sustainable development and the right to sustenance.

### (iv) Concrete plans

**Next steps: are there any concrete plans to (further) use and apply the Right to Food Guidelines?**

The main points of the input are:

1. Developing pilot projects to showcase the potential of honeybee products in promoting food security and sustainable development.
2. Establishing a knowledge sharing platform to facilitate collaboration and coordination among stakeholders.

3. Leveraging technology, such as the Internet of Things, to improve the monitoring and management of honeybee product initiatives.

4. Launching advocacy and awareness campaigns to promote the Right to Food Guidelines and the role of honeybee products in achieving food security.

5. Organizing capacity building and training programs for beekeepers and other stakeholders involved in honeybee product initiatives.

These plans aim to contribute to the realization of the right to food and promote sustainable development (Cao & Tao, 2016).

**Link(s) to specific references**

Please include attachment(s) or add here link(s) to documents with specific references (e.g., laws, decrees, regulations, programs, etc.) on how the Right to Food Guidelines have been used or applied by you/your organization.


### Three Experiences to Fight Malnutrition

[https://api.semanticscholar.org/CorpusID:219416213](https://api.semanticscholar.org/CorpusID:219416213)


