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## FOREWORD BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

The year 2022 is one of the most successful years for CIRDAP.

The management proposes several initiatives. However, we are still facing difficult situations because of the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic globally and the worldwide financial crisis. The problem is expected to be much better in 2023. CIRDAP contributes to the thousands of marginalized communities with its research and development.



On behalf of the CIRDAP, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Honorable Dr. Chalermchai Sri-on, Chairperson of CIRDAP Governing Council, Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand, and to the Honorable Md. Tajul Islam, Minister of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, Government of Bangladesh, Host country of CIRDAP, for their unwavering support for the organization. I wish to thank the staff members of CIRDAP who have been working on preparing the 2022 Annual Report.

The ongoing contributions and steadfast support from the Government of Bangladesh, respective Governing Council Members, Executive Committee Members, Technical Committee Members, and relevant partners will surely encourage our ongoing and collective commitments to the cooperation and the implementation of CIRDAP's critical mission and to the fostering of the collaboration with Food Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations and relevant organizations to provide technical support, collaborative research & development, and capacity building for its member countries for the benefits of rural people and communities in Asia and the Pacific Region.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cherdask Virapat'.

**Dr. Cherdask Virapat**

Director General, CIRDAP

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) has completed 43 years of enabling rural communities in the Asia-Pacific region. The CIRDAP Secretariat implemented its works through its highest policy body meetings (GC-23, EC-33, and TC-37), general administration and staff, public relations, fundraising, managing Development Partners, and Link Institutes of CIRDAP member countries. Income in 2022 has been derived from membership fees contributed by CIRDAP member Governments, CIRDAP International Conference Centre (CICC), and projects. CIRDAP also communicated with development partners: FAO Bangladesh, FAO RAP, FAO HQ, and AARDO. The 43rd anniversary of CIRDAP and World Rural Development Day (6 July) launch was organized at CIRDAP on 25th July 2022. CIRDAP implements its works through seven work programmes, namely, Research on Rural Development and Innovation; Integrated Rural development models; Emerging issues on integrated rural development that include the COVID-19 pandemic, natural disaster risk reduction, climate change impacts, & water resource management; Partnership cooperation and promotion; Training & Education; Information & Communication; and Gender in Integrated Rural Development. CIRDAP organizes conferences, forums, and workshops and produces publications.

Under the Research on Rural Development & Innovation, the 2021 Rural Development Report on Digital Services for the Marginalized Rural in the Asia-Pacific: Accessibility, Affordability, and Implications was presented to the EC-33 and finalized. It was published and launched at the 37th session of the Technical Committee meeting to be held on 9 September 2022. Identifying major sources of fecal pathogens in Bangladeshi aquaculture value chains and evaluating the effectiveness of various risk reduction strategies in collaboration with the International Centre for Diarrheal Disease Research, Bangladesh (icddr,b), US University of Maryland, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - funded by USAID has been conducted. The research titled “Violent Extremism: Impact on the Economy of Bangladesh” has been undertaken, and the data analysis has been completed. The Rural Development Report 2023, titled “Assessing the Role of Food and Nutrition Security Policies of the CMCs in Helping the Marginalized Poor and Attaining the Relevant SDGs,” has commenced through literature review and data collection.

Under the Integrated Rural Development Models, CIRDAP has followed up with all Executive Committee Members to request information on rural development models to be exhibited at the CIRDAP Exhibitions and Museum on Rural Development (CEMIRD). CIRDAP has installed some posters from Bangladesh, India, IR Iran, Myanmar, and Thailand (including Lao PDR, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam). On 21st April 2022, the Governing Council of CIRDAP endorsed the initiative to establish the World Rural Development Day on 6th July 2022 and asked the Secretariat to start the process for the UN International Day through FAO for the UN General Assembly meeting at

the same time. The DG of CIRDAP had a courtesy meeting with H.E. Masud Bin Momen, the Foreign Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh, on August 1, 2022, to discuss establishing World Rural Development Day. The Prime Minister of Bangladesh, H.E. Sheikh Hasina, was awarded the International Award 'Aziz- ul- Haq Rural Development Medal 2021 on 29 May 2022.

Under the Emerging Issues on Integrated Rural Development including the COVID-19 pandemic, natural disaster risk reduction, climate change impacts, & water resource management, the DG of CIRDAP attended a number of international webinars including TIEMS - CBI WEBINAR 2022: International Models in Emergency Management – Bangladesh; the COVID-19 Country Assessment Report—Southeast Asia: Recovering from the Pandemic on 20 January 2022; the Asian NGO Coalition for Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (ANGOC) has provided the link to the publication "Getting a Clearer Picture: Civil Society Reports on the Progress Towards SDG Target 1.4 in Seven Asian Countries on 18 March 2022; the Asia-Pacific Rural Development and Food Security Forum 2022: Battling Climate Change and Transforming Agri-Food Systems organized by ADB, IFAD, IRRI, and World Vegetable Center during 22-24 March 2022; and the webinar on Europe's Geopolitical Seismic Shift: What does it mean for Asia? Organized by Asia News Network (ANN) on 31st March 2022; the ADB SPOT on Transitioning to a Low-Carbon Economy on 15 July 2022 via MS Teams. The DG of CIRDAP also attended the webinar to celebrate the International Day on Disaster Reduction on Disaster Management in Bangladesh and Thailand by Prof. Dr. Mehedi Ansary, BUET, Bangladesh and Prof. Nuanchan Singkran, Mahidol University, Thailand on 13 October 2022, the TIEMS Hybrid Annual Conference: Challenges and Emergency Management – Towards 2030 and Beyond on 20 – 21 October 2022 and the webinar on Climate Smart Water Management in the Context of Pakistan by Dr. Manzoor Ahmad Malik, CIRDAP Expert and Project Manager/Team Leader of Project Implementation and Supervision Consultants, KPPIAIP, Peshawar, Pakistan on 2 November 2022 and the International Conference on Climate Change and Brackish Water Aquaculture & Opportunities on 20 November 2023.

Under the Partnership Cooperation and Promotion, 17 organizations were invited to attend the 33rd session of the Executive Committee meeting on 19 April 2022 as observers. These are AARDO, ACD, ADPC, ANGOC, APO, BSFF, CDD, CAMT, FAO Bangladesh, GFHS, ILC Asia (Indonesia), ITD, KLRI, NACA, and CAD, Thailand. The DG of CIRDAP also attended the 25th anniversary of the Bay of Bengal Initiatives for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) on 6th June 2022 at the Sheraton Hotel in Dhaka, Bangladesh. 10 organizations were invited to attend the 37th session of the Technical Committee meeting held on 9 – 12 September 2022 in Bangkok, Thailand. These are APTERR, BOBP-IGO, BSFF, CDD, DOF – Thailand, PDC, NACA, IOI-Thailand, ITD, SAC, and TFM.

Under the Training & Education, CIRDAP has coordinated with different partner organisations such as BARD, AARDO, NIRD & PR; BSFF, ITD, IOI-Thailand, TICA, University of Hawaii, Ministry of

Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand, experts of CIRDAP to co-organize 3-week flagship training programme on IRD, Governance, Trade, and Sustainable Development in 2022. CIRDAP also sent letters to request scholarship support to the selected candidates for the training on 27 September 2022. These are the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD), Saudia Arabia; the Korea International Development Agency (KOICA); the Thailand International Development Agency (TICA); the embassies of Canada, Germany, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Netherlands, Switzerland, etc. The training programme on regional integrated rural development, governance, trade, and sustainable development for Asia and the Pacific was successfully conducted from 5th – 24th November 2022. There are 18 participants from 11 countries, namely Bangladesh, Indonesia, IR Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam, and an African country, Zambia, with 9 men and 9 women. The Course Director, Dr. Durga Prasad Paudyal submitted his report and comments for improvement of the 2023 training on 15 December 2022.

Continuous publications of thematic papers and content on the CIRDAP website and social media and Technical Committee (TC 37) preparation of invitation letters, working papers, etc. Under the Information & Communication Programme, under the CIRDAP Expert Database (established in January 2021) to date, there are 102 experts in the database. The webinar series in 2022 has been set and implemented. CIRDAP has organized 14 webinars on different thematic issues and areas. The General Guideline of Activities 2020 + (GGA) was endorsed at the TC-36 in 2021. CIRDAP published the document for public relations and information. The TC-37 meeting was held on 9 - 12 September 2022.

Under the Gender in Integrated Rural Development, CIRDAP organized the International Women's Day 2022 on 8 March 2022 under the theme: Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow and presentations by Dr. Usharani Boruah and Ms. Maisha Jesmin. CIRDAP developed a brochure on the Women, Youth, and Rural Development Programme for presenting at the TC-37 meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, in September 2022. CIRDAP plans to publish the first Women's Day webinar articles as the Women's Day series/ Gender Series. Dr. Usharani Boruah presented on Good Health & Well-being of Rural Women in the Asia Pacific Region to celebrate the International Day of Rural Women on 17 October 2022. Dr. Usharani Boruah and Ms. Rakhi Barua attended the 8th session of the Gender on Aquaculture and Fisheries (GAF8) on Shaping the Future: Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries to be held in Kochi, Kerala, India, during 21-23 November 2022. Dr. Boruah presented on the Women, Youth, and Rural Development Programme of CIRDAP. In contrast, Ms. Rakhi Barua presented "Strengthening Agencies and Voice of Women with Disabilities for Promoting Inclusion and Diversity" at the GAF8. CIRDAP and its partners have submitted three project proposals for funding to various funding sources.

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## CIRDAP

The Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) was established on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1979 to promote Integrated Rural Development (IRD) in the Asia-Pacific region. In the early 1970s, IRD emerged after the failure of previous Development Approaches. Rural development policies and programs became important in Government Development Plans and Strategies. Therefore, the idea of promoting IRD through regional cooperation by establishing an intergovernmental organization in the Asia Pacific Region emerged. It was pursued by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), leading to the establishment of CIRDAP, with its headquarters in Dhaka, Bangladesh. There are 15 member states: Afghanistan, Bangladesh (Host State), Fiji, India, Indonesia, IR Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam.

### CIRDAP Secretariat Headquarter



The CIRDAP Secretariat office is a beautiful red-colored English cottage-type building named Chameli House which is famous and located in Dhaka opposite the High Court and Supreme Court building of Bangladesh. Built in 1920, this colonial structure was designated to be the residence of bachelor lady officers of the British Empire working in Dhaka. Although relatively old, this historical building still retains its original architectural form. The building once served as a hostel for girls at the University of Dhaka for some time. During the Pakistan period and for some time after the independence of Bangladesh, it was used as the headquarters of the Public Service Commission. In 1985, the building was handed over to CIRDAP.

## VISION & MISSION

### VISION

To be a Centre of Excellence & multi-level platform for cooperation in knowledge transfer and capacity building for developing countries in integrated rural affairs for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific Region.

### MISSION

Our mission is to provide technical support and promote innovative best practices on sustainable IRD amongst member countries in Asia-Pacific to improve the lives of rural people.

- ▽ To utilise state-of-the-art information and communication technology.
- ▽ To provide flagship training and capacity development in integrated rural development and related agricultural activities to serve the needs of rural communities in the region and sub-regions.
- ▽ To enhance the analytical capability of developing countries in formulating rural development policies and determining appropriate measures corresponding with impacts of globalization, trade liberalization, climate change, and disaster risks in the region and sub-regions, engaging communities by using community-based and adaptive management approaches.
- ▽ To foster cooperation on development between countries in the region and sub-regions through collaborative research projects.

To collaborate with interagency departments, academic institutions, the private sector, research funds, and other national and international organizations to disseminate knowledge gained and transfer innovative technologies to developing countries in the region and sub-regions.

## POLICY BODIES OF CIRDAP

### **CIRDAP has Three Policy Bodies**

#### **1. The Governing Council (GC)**

The highest policy and decision-making body represented by the Ministers of Contact Ministry;

#### **2. The Executive Committee (EC)**

To make recommendations to GC, provide guidance, consists of the Secretary of the Contact Ministry; and

#### **3. The Technical Committee (TC)**

To provide technical advice on professional matters, composed of all CIRDAP Link Institute heads.

## STRATEGIC GOALS

### **GOAL 1:**

Strengthen CIRDAP Systems and processes for Collaboration at the Global, Regional, National and Community levels in order to effectively respond to the changing Rural Development paradigms.

(Policy Dimension)

### **GOAL 2:**

Reposition CIRDAP Secretariat in order to effectively carry out its Mandated roles (Institutional Dimension - Secretariat)

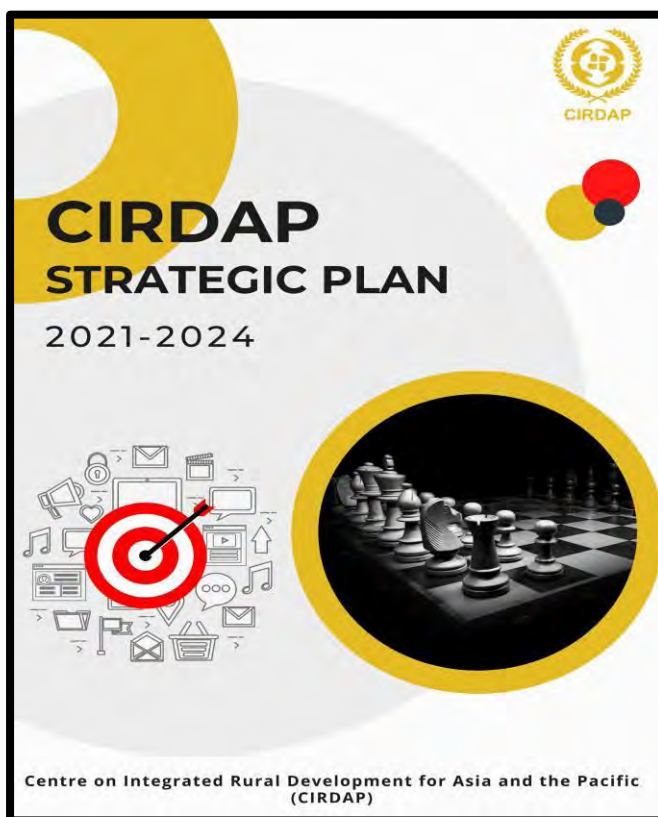
### **GOAL 3:**

Enhance CIRDAPs visibility and relevance according to CMCs expectations (Programme Dimension)



## STRATEGIC PLAN

CIRDAP has taken the initiative to conduct a SWOT analysis and mid-term review of the strategic plans for 2018-2022 due to the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic as an external threat to the organization. CIRDAP reviewed the SWOT analysis and strategic plans for 2018-2022 from September to October 2020. The review was supervised by Associate Prof. Wasin Inkapatanakul, CIRDAP Mentor on Strategic Planning. During the Governing Council (GC) and Executive Committee (EC) meeting of CIRDAP on 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021, the Strategic Plan (2021 – 2024) got approval from the highest policy bodies of CIRDAP. Also, the strategic plan review 2021 – 2024 consultation meeting was organized on 14 December 2021, in which the Technical Committee Members engaged in active discussion.



According to the new strategic planning, CIRDAP is currently taking initiatives for project proposals, training, research and development initiatives, information and communication, gender, and integrated rural development programme.

## MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF 2022

- The Prime Minister of Bangladesh, H.E. Sheikh Hasina, was awarded the International Award 'Aziz- ul- Haq Rural Development Medal 2021'
- The award of the Aziz-UI Haq Rural Development Medal 2022
- The 23rd Governing Council (GC) and 33rd Executive Committee (EC) Meetings
- The Special Session of the Executive Committee (Virtual) meeting
- The 37th session of the Technical Committee meeting
- The First CIRDAP-BARD Flagship Training Programme on Regional Integrated Rural Development, Governance, Trade, and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific
- The launch of the Rural Development Report 2021

## POLICY BODY MEETING

### The 23rd Governing Council (GC) and 33rd Executive Committee (EC) Meetings

The 23rd Governing Council (GC) and 33rd Executive Committee (EC) Meetings of CIRDAP were held virtually on 21st April 2022 and 19th April 2022. The Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand hosted these two body meetings. The EC-33 meeting was attended by 49 participants from 14 member countries (except Afghanistan), CIRDAP observers, and the IRD expert. The GC meeting has a quorum of 14 member countries.

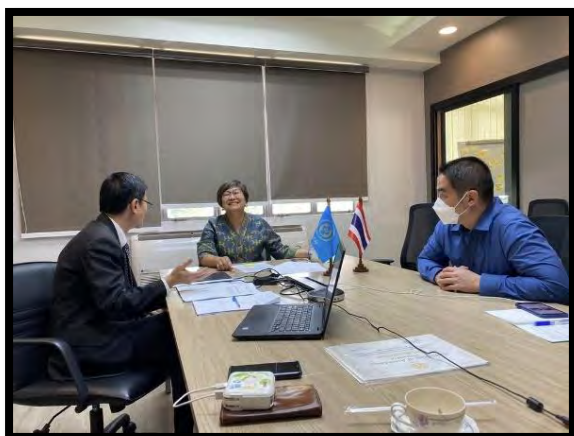
On 19th April, the outgoing Chairperson of EC, Mr. D.M.L. Bandaranayake, Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, was invited by the DG of CIRDAP for his opening speech. The Chairperson thanked the DG of CIRDAP and all the participants for attending the virtual meeting and wished for a successful meeting of the 33rd Executive Committee, and thus, formally inaugurated the meeting.

On 21st April, on behalf of the Secretariat, the DG of CIRDAP offered his sincere thanks to the outgoing Chairperson, Mr. D.M.L. Bandaranayake, Secretary on behalf of the Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, for his unwavering support in the last two years during the COVID-19 period. The meeting of the Governing Council is held every two years.



## THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (VIRTUAL) ON THE AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE III OF THE CIRDAP AGREEMENT

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2022, the meeting was attended by the Executive Committee Members from 13 CIRDAP member countries. The representatives (Legal Counsel) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) also embraced the meeting. The DG of CIRDAP informed the Executive Committee of the background of the proposed amendment in Article III and its justification. He informed that the Governing Council, at its 21st Session held on 13 October 2017, discussed the amendment of Article III: Membership of the CIRDAP Agreement for the Establishment of a Centre of Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific and its implementation mechanism as in the Article III of CIRDAP Agreement of 1978. This is intended to propose a new “Associate Members” provision and expand CIRDAP membership.





## THE 37TH SESSION OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (TC – 37) OF CIRDAP

The 37<sup>th</sup> session of the Technical Committee was organized face-to-face at the Centara Grand at Central Plaza Ladprao Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand, from 9-12 September 2022. The Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC) hosted the meeting. The TC member of Thailand chaired the Technical Committee adopted the report of the Director General; adopted the current status of the implementation of the TC-36, the EC-33, and the GC-23 meetings; endorsed the brochure of the Women, Youth, and Rural Development Programme; endorsed the ToR, scope of work, deliverable and reporting system of the position of the Technical Assistance to the DG of CIRDAP; endorsed the initiative on the ISO 30401:2018 Knowledge management systems for CIRDAP and the IOTA consulting firm for advising on this and to assist on certification; noted on the outcome on the sub-centre activities; and endorsed the venue of the following Technical Committee Meeting (TC-38) in Lao PDR in 2023.



## KEY EVENTS & MEETINGS

### THE PRIME MINISTER OF BANGLADESH, H.E. SHEIKH HASINA, WAS AWARDED THE INTERNATIONAL AWARD 'AZIZ- UL- HAQ RURAL DEVELOPMENT MEDAL 2021



The First Aziz- ul- Haq Rural Development Medal 2021 was officially handed over to Prime Minister H.E Sheikh Hasina by Dr. Cherdasak Virapat, Director General of CIRDAP, at Ganobhaban on 29 May 2022. The Minister for Local Government Rural Development and Cooperatives Mr. Mohammad Tajul Islam MP, State Minister Mr. Swapan Bhattacharya MP, Senior

Secretary to the Prime Minister's Office Mohammad Tofazzel Hossain Mia, Secretary for Rural Development and Cooperatives Mohammad Mashiur Rahman and senior officials of the Prime Minister's Office were presented. It can be noted that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was the first to receive this international award.

The Aziz- ul- Haq Rural Development Medal was introduced in the name of the founder of CIRDAP in 2021 in recognition of his unique contribution to rural development in the Asia-Pacific region and the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific.

The transition from a least developed country to a developing country and socio-economic development has been accelerated due to the able leadership of the daughter of the undisputed leader of the Bengali nation, Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Bangladesh today is a role model of development in the world. The Aziz- ul- Haq Rural Development 2021 Award was given to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in recognition of her unique contribution to improving the living standards of Bangladesh through rural development and poverty alleviation. Under the dynamic leadership of the Prime Minister, H.E. Sheikh Hasina, long-term planning, education, health, electricity, communication, and empowerment of women have achieved unprecedented success in all fields.

## THE LAUNCH OF THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2021 AND THE AWARD OF THE AZIZ-UL HAQ RURAL DEVELOPMENT MEDALS 2022

On 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023, during the 37th Technical Committee meeting, the launching of the Rural Development Report 2021 and the award ceremony of the Aziz-ul Haq Rural Development Medals were held. At the award ceremony, CIRDAP honored five organizations and one personality with the Aziz-ul Haq Rural Development Medals; They are the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand, the Ministry of Rural Development of India, Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development, the Food Agriculture Organization of UN, Benazir Income Supports Programme (BISP) Pakistan and Dr. Somporn Hanpongpanth, Former DG of CIRDAP.



## DG CIRDAP MEETING WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS OF INDONESIA

The meeting was held between the DG of CIRDAP and the Director General, Village Administration, Ministry of Home Affairs of Indonesia, and an inter-ministry meeting on 13 and 14th June 2022. At that meeting, CIRDAP awarded the Aziz-UI Haq Rural Development Medal to the former DG of CIRDAP, Dr. Cecep Effendi. Also, the DG of CIRDAP handed over another Aziz-UI Haq Rural Development Medal award to the Ministry of Home Affairs of Indonesia. On 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022, DG met with two villages and attended a panel discussion at a training centre in Yogyakarta. He then participated in a panel discussion titled “Transformation of policy to actions: strategies in implementing rural development policies” at the conference hall of the centre. The DG of CIRDAP also visited a training centre and its facilities and a room arranged for SOCSEA with a total area of about 70 square meters.

## DG CIRDAP’S COURTESY MEETING WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY



On 21st April 2022, the Governing Council of CIRDAP endorsed the initiative to establish the World Rural Development Day on 6th July 2022 and asked the Secretariat to start the process for the UN International Day through FAO for the UN General Assembly meeting at the same time. It is worth noting that the date of 6 July has been proposed to UN FAO on 15 December 2020 and to CIRDAP members for the establishment. The member states can also submit the

proposal to the UNGA directly to accelerate the process.

A courtesy meeting with H.E. Masud Bin Momen, Foreign Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh, on 31st July 2022 to discuss ways to submit a draft resolution to the UN General Assembly to recognize it as an international day officially.



## IMPORTANT DAY CELEBRATION

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – 2022

On its premises, CIRDAP celebrated International Women's Day on 8 March 2022 (IWD 2022). This year's theme is "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow." CIRDAP also organized a Discussion Forum to celebrate International Women's Day: We can #Break the Bias.



### WORLD OCEANS DAY- 2022

CIRDAP observed World Oceans Day through a webinar on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The thematic topic of the webinar was "Ocean in a Changing World: How We Can Help." The pioneered and esteemed expert from Thailand, Professor Dr. Suchana Apple Chavanich, talked on this topic. Dr. Chavanich is a professor in the Department of Marine Science, Chulalongkorn University, Reef Biology Research Group, Faculty of Science, Thailand.

### INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION – 2022

CIRDAP observed the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction and organized a webinar on October 13, 2022. Two esteemed and respected professors from Bangladesh and Thailand made two critical presentations that day. Professor Dr. Mehedi Ahmed Ansary, Dept. of Civil Engineering, BUET, Bangladesh, presented his paper on "Urban Earthquake Resilience of Rajuk Area in Bangladesh." The second presentation was made by Associate Prof. Dr. Nuanchan Singkran, Faculty of Environment and Resource Studies, Mahidol University, Thailand. Her topic was "Flood risk assessment and management for a large river basin."

### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN -2022

CIRDAP organized a webinar on International Day of Rural Women on October 17, 2022. Dr. Usharani Boruah, Librarian and Gender Coordinator, CIRDAP, presented on "SDG 3 Good Health and Wellbeing: The Situation of rural women".

## WORLD SOIL DAY – 2022

This year's theme of World Soil Day 2022 and its campaign is "Soils: where food begins." CIRDAP celebrated World Soil Day at the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP). CIRDAP has organized a webinar in collaboration with Department of Civil Engineering, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), to celebrate World Soil Day titled "The Use of Vetiver Grass for Protection of Soil Erosion in Bangladesh." Prof. Dr. Mohammad Shariful Islam gave the presentation.



## A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a yellow pencil, actively drawing on a complex technical blueprint. The blueprint features various circular diagrams, dimension lines, and tables of data. A semi-transparent blue rectangular box is centered over the image, containing the text "RESEARCH &amp; DEVELOPMENT" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The background shows more of the blueprint and a wooden desk surface.



The Research and Pilot Project Division initiatives of 2022 were conducted according to the Strategic Plan and knowledge generation, focusing on specific areas selected by CIRDAP. The Research activities focused on improving rural marginalized people's standard of living. Some of the researched programs are in the table below.

### COMPLETED/ONGOING RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Projects	Partners
Identifying major sources of fecal pathogens in Bangladeshi aquaculture value chains and evaluating the effectiveness of various risk reduction strategies	USAID, University of Maryland, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), USA and International Centre for Diarrheal Disease Research, Bangladesh (icddr,b),
The Rural Development Report (RDR) 2021: Digital Services for the Marginalized Rural in the Asia-Pacific: Accessibility, Affordability, and Implications (Launched in 2022)	In-house
Assessing the Impact of Violent Extremism on the Economy of Bangladesh	The University of Dhaka and Bangladesh Police
Report on the Selected topics of Asia-Pacific region on the series of CIRDAP Webinar	In-house
Problems of the Agricultural Supply Chain of the Asia-Pacific Region and their Implication for Rural Poverty Alleviation	In-house
The Rural Development Report (RDR) 2023 entitled "Assessing the Role of Food and Nutrition Security Policies of the CMCs in Helping the Marginalized Poor and Attaining the Relevant SDGs" (literature review and data collection)	In-house
Status of the Most Marginalized Rural People in CMCs: Policies, Practices, and Alternatives	In-house
Financial Inclusion for Smallholder Farmers in Rural Asia-Pacific: Practices and Alternatives	In-house





# TRAINING & EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The Training & Education programme of CIRDAP has played a key role since its inception in 1979 by organizing different training and programs in CIRDAP member countries (CMCs). The unit organizes training programs for capacity building, human resource development, and promoting integrated rural development in CIRDAP Member Countries (CMCs). Till now, more than seven thousand people have received training through workshops, seminars, knowledge-sharing mechanisms, etc.

CIRDAP covers these thematic issues and topics covered under the training and education programme:

1. Geographic Information System (GIS) and Information & Communication Technology (ICT) for Development,
2. International Training Programme on Participatory Rural Development,
3. Organizational Behaviour Change Communication,
4. Management of Rural Employment Projects and Poverty Alleviation,
5. Natural Resources Management for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods,
6. Financial Inclusion, Project Management, and Evaluation,
7. Food and Nutrition security,
8. Food Waste to Wealth,
9. Social Audit and Good Governance,
10. Village Governance.

## THE 1ST FLAGSHIP ANNUAL TRAINING PROGRAMME

The Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) and Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD) jointly organized a regional training course on Integrated Rural Development, Governance, Trade, and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, from 4-25, November 2022.



A total of 18 participants participated in the course from 11 countries, of which 9 were female, and 9 were male. Prominent experts on the subjects were invited as speakers. The inaugural session was held at CIRDAP International Convention Centre (CICC) on 5 Nov. 2022. The Honorable Minister, Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, was invited as the chief guest, while the Secretary of Rural Development & Co-operatives Division (RD CD), Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development



and Cooperatives as the special guest. While welcoming all guests and participants to this course, Dr. Cherdasak Virapat, Director General of the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), said that more than seven thousand (7,000) people participated in and benefited from training and research activities conducted in CIRDAP since its inception in 1979. Many alumni are now leaders, senior officials, and experts in governments, development agencies, academia, and research institutes. The 3-week training programme is designed to benefit civil servants, mid-career professionals, educators, researchers, media professionals, and civil society members with IRD-related responsibilities and interests. The course receives 18 participants from the CIRDAP member countries and one participant from the South-South cooperation of AARDO.



## SOME OF THE REMARKS/FEEDBACKS FROM THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE FLAGSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME

“These 21 days, intensive training programme packed with highly informative and useful content both in lectures and practical assignments had enlightened me to the various areas of importance in integrated rural development (IRD). The course greatly enhanced my knowledge in IRD, especially on policy-making skills, significant challenges faced by rural communities, climate change, and natural disaster and gender issues.”

Ms. Mutia Azura Mohamed, Principal Assistant Secretary, Strategic Planning Division Ministry of Rural and Regional Development, Malaysia



“The training programme, where nearly 40 lectures were carried out by eminent professionals on related subjects, helped immensely to broaden our horizons while sharing experiences among participants from different countries. One thing I found amazing in the programme is the involvement of every participant in conducting lecture sessions, development of leadership skills, and gradual development of team spirit among participants.”

Ms. Uthpala Jayasinghe, Research Officer, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute, Sri Lanka

“I expected it to be like any other training, with standard lectures. It was especially nice because, besides the well-organized lectures, we could visit places in Comilla, Bangladesh such as the Agricultural Village and a museum. Some lectures are interactive, and I like how the lecturers relate the lecture to their experiences. I am confident in applying what I learned in the training to any related situation.”

Ms. Sittie Khayra B. Fermin, Agrarian Reform Programme Technologist, Department of Agrarian Reform, Philippines







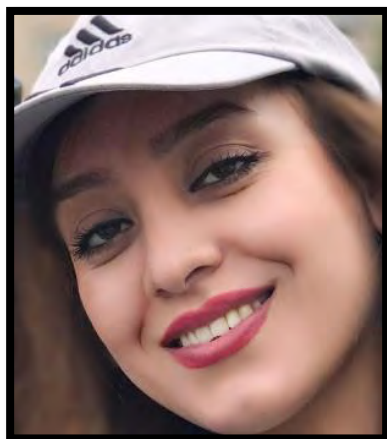
“The training program perfectly blended theories and best practices in integrated rural development. I realized that the natural environment is central to a country’s economic activity and growth.”

Mr. Anas Al Islam, Assistant Director, Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), Bangladesh

“The organizers, both CIRDAP and BARD, are very focused on providing knowledge, sharing experience and information in related fields, interspersed with extra fun activities such as ethnic nights and potluck so that minimal time is left for other additional activities. While participating in the various education and training courses, I had the opportunity to socialize with participants from CIRDAP member countries, which gave me a new understanding of diversity. Eventually, they became my new family, and the host of participants from Bangladesh gave me a deep impression of sincerity and kindness.”



Ms. Meydy Deyby Sandra Malonda, Administrator - Sub Directorate Capacity Building for Village Government, Directorate General of Village Governance Ministry of Home Affairs, Indonesia



“Topics were related to new different challenges of rural development in Asia and the Pacific and let us know that these challenges have created tensions in all Asian countries and per country has special potential to cooperate together for solving them. In addition to scientific achievements, it has raised our adaption in life and is more compatible with different conditions. In addition, acquaintance with different accents, cultures, clothes, habits, and customs has been another achievement of this training.”

Ms. Saeedeh Nazari Nooghabi, Assistant Professor of Economic Affairs Office Agriculture, Research, Education and Extension Organization, Yemen Ave, Chamran Highway, Garden of Agriculture, Tehran, Iran





# INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT MODELS

## CIRDAP EXHIBITIONS & MUSEUM ON INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT

CEMIRD: CIRDAP Exhibitions & Museum on Integrated Rural Development is one of the CIRDAP initiatives aiming at presenting successful rural development models implemented by the CIRDAP member Countries. The old library premise was converted into CEMIRD by communicating with all CMCs to send their IRD best practice models. CIRDAP has installed some posters from Bangladesh (two models), India, IR Iran, Malaysia, Myanmar, and Thailand (including Lao PDR, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam).

### The objective of the CEMIRD

- To bring together the best rural development models from the CIRDAP member countries for exhibiting and showing cases of successful applications of IRD posters that can be replicated in rural areas of member countries.

The CEMIRD will be open for participants of conferences/workshops at CICC, small groups of government agencies, diplomatic missions, private organizations, NGOs, academic institutions and schools, farmer organizations, cooperatives, etc.

Posters of the Philippines model on Raise the Arcs, the Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Development Sustainability Programme (ARBDSP) were received on 23 September 2022; The Community Development and Livelihood Improvement Project: A Community Driven Development Programme of Sri Lanka was received on 25 September 2022.

### NAME OF THE IRD MODELS THAT ARE CURRENTLY DISPLAYING AT CEMIRD IN 2022


Name of the Model	Country
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One House One Farm Model,</li> <li>• Comilla Model and;</li> <li>• Improving the Livelihood of Rural people of Lalmai-Mainamati Hill Areas of Cumilla through Integrated Agricultural Farming (BARD Part of My House My Farm project);</li> </ul>	Bangladesh
Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana– National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY - NRLM)	India

Establishment of Participatory Water Management System in Golestan Province, Aqqala County, Voshmgir district, Peyvand Rural Production Cooperative Company, Tazehabad Anbar Alum District	IR Iran
The 21st Century Village Programme	Malaysia
Evergreen Village Development Project (EVDP)	Myanmar
Raise the Arcs, the Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Development Sustainability Programme (ARBDSP)	Philippines
Community Development and Livelihood Improvement Project: A Community-Driven Development Programme	Sri Lanka
The Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP)	Thailand

### AN INITIATIVE OF WORLD RURAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

CIRDAP has collaborated with FAO HQ to establish an observed International Day on Rural Development on 6 July. The communication has been made with Dr. Benjamin Davis, Director of Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equity Division, Food, and Agriculture Organization, since 12th January 2021. FAO has advised CIRDAP on formality which can be made through the FAO line and representatives of CIRDAP Member countries at UN Headquarters in New York for proposing the establishment motion to the UN General Assembly (UNGA). The processes can be taken from one to four years. The DG of CIRDAP is communicating with relevant agencies for further actions.



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Emerging Issues on Integrated Rural  
Development, including the COVID-19  
pandemic, natural disaster risk reduction,  
and Climate change impacts & water  
resource management.



Under the Emerging Issues on Integrated Rural Development, including the COVID-19 pandemic, natural disaster risk reduction, climate change impacts, & water resource management, the DG of CIRDAP attended a number of international webinars, including TIEMS - CBI WEBINAR 2022: International Models in Emergency Management – Bangladesh; the COVID-19 Country Assessment Report—Southeast Asia: Recovering from the Pandemic on 20 January 2022; the Asian NGO Coalition for Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (ANGOC) has provided the link to the publication "Getting a Clearer Picture: Civil Society Reports on the Progress Towards SDG Target 1.4 in Seven Asian Countries on 18 March 2022; the Asia-Pacific Rural Development and Food Security Forum 2022: Battling Climate Change and Transforming Agri-Food Systems organized by ADB, IFAD, IRRI, and World Vegetable Center during 22-24 March 2022; and the webinar on Europe's Geopolitical Seismic Shift: What does it mean for Asia? Organized by Asia News Network (ANN) on 31st March 2022; the ADB SPOT on Transitioning to a Low-Carbon Economy on 15 July 2022 via MS Teams. The DG of CIRDAP also attended the webinar to celebrate the International Day on Disaster Reduction on Disaster Management in Bangladesh and Thailand by Prof. Dr. Mehedi Ansary, BUET, Bangladesh and Prof. Nuanchan Singkran, Mahidol University, Thailand on 13 October 2022, the TIEMS Hybrid Annual Conference: Challenges and Emergency Management – Towards 2030 and Beyond on 20 – 21 October 2022 and the webinar on Climate Smart Water Management in the Context of Pakistan by Dr. Manzoor Ahmad Malik, CIRDAP Expert and Project Manager/Team Leader of Project Implementation and Supervision Consultants, KPIAIP, Peshawar, Pakistan on 2 November 2022 and the International Conference on Climate Change and Brackish Water Aquaculture & Opportunities on 20 November 2023.

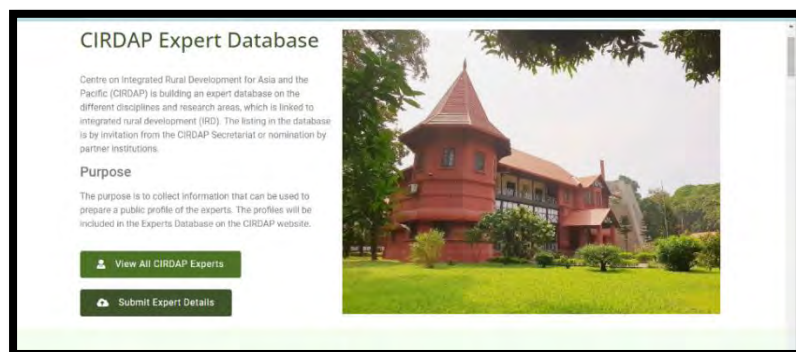




# INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

The Information and Communication of CIRDAP strengthened its role as the focal point of knowledge generation and information dissemination. In 2022, the programme produced various publications, redesigned and developed the CIRDAP website, maintained various information requirements, provided IT and library services, and supported organizing seminars/workshops/training. The GIS Centre under this programme also conducted some training on GIS Applications.

## WEBINARS UNDER THE CIRDAP EXPERT DATABASE



Under the Information & Communication Programme, CIRDAP Expert Database was launched in January 2021. To date, there are about 102 experts in the database. CIRDAP had already communicated with CMCs and CLIs to nominate their experts and researchers.

Under the database, the webinar series of 2022 was implemented. CIRDAP has organized 14 webinars on different thematic issues and areas. These are Innovation in Asia: Making Organic Agriculture More Sustainable, Water Quality Based Disaster Risk Assessment Framework for Open-Access Aquatic Resources Using Citizen-Science & Satellite Remote Sensing, Ocean in a Changing World: How we can help, Launching the World Rural Development Day: What is it, Why does it matter & How to get involved?, the Sustainable Development Goals Research and Response: Carbon sequestration of public parks and urban greening improvements in a megacity, the International Day of Disaster Reduction on 13 October 2022, the International Day of Rural Women on 17 October 2022, the climate-smart water management in the context of Pakistan on 2 November 2022, the World Soil Day: the use of vetiver grass for protection of soil erosion in Bangladesh on 5 December 2022, and the Governance to Good Governance – Need & Role of Social Accountability Tools on 21 December 2022.



## Here is a glimpse of some of the webinars:

**CIRDAP WEBINAR SERIES**

**Innovations in Asia : Making Organic Agriculture More Sustainable**

13 JANUARY 2022  
11:30 AM (DHAKA TIME)  
02:30 PM (JAPAN TIME)

Click here for Zoom [Link](#)

**Presenter**  
Dr. Shaikh Tanveer Hossain  
Senior Program Officer  
Agriculture Unit  
Asian Productivity Organization (APO),  
Tokyo, Japan

Organized by CIRDAP  
Venue: Virtual  
Via Zoom Conference  
[cirdap.org](http://cirdap.org)  
[www.cirdap.org](http://www.cirdap.org)

**CIRDAP WEBINAR SERIES**

**Water-Quality based Risk Assessment Framework for Open-access Aquatic Resources using Citizen Science & Satellite Remote Sensing**

22 MARCH 2022  
11:00 AM - 12:45 AM (DHAKA TIME)

Click here for Zoom [Link](#)

**Presenter**  
Dr. Oritson George  
Senior Program Specialist (Fisheries)  
SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC),  
BARC Complex, Farmgate, Dhaka,  
Bangladesh

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**CIRDAP WEBINAR SERIES**

**World Oceans Day - 8th June, 2022**

**Ocean in a Changing World: How We Can Help**

8 JUNE 2022  
11:00 AM (DHAKA TIME)  
12:00 M (BANGKOK TIME)

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**Presenter**  
Suchana Apple Chavanich, Ph.D.  
Professor, Chulabhornkum University  
Real Biology Research Group,  
Department of Biology Science  
Faculty of Science, Bangkok 10330, Thailand

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**CIRDAP WEBINAR SERIES**

**Launching the World Rural Development Day**  
What is it, Why does it matter  
& How to get involved?

6 JULY 2022  
11:00 AM (BANGLADESH TIME)

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**Presenter**  
Dr. Cherdasak Virapat  
Director General (DR)  
CIRDAP

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**CIRDAP WEBINAR SERIES**

**International Day for Disaster Reduction**  
Disaster management in Bangladesh  
and Thailand

19TH OCTOBER, 2022  
11:00 AM (BANGLADESH TIME)  
12:00 PM (THAILAND TIME)

Click here for Zoom [Link](#)

**Presenters**  
Professor Dr. Mahab Alam  
Senior  
Professor of Disaster Management  
Department of Disaster Management  
Engineering and Technology  
CUET

**Presenter**  
Dr. Rasheda Begum  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Disaster Management  
Faculty of Engineering  
Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology  
Dhaka

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**CIRDAP WEBINAR SERIES**

**Webinar on the "International Day of Rural Women"**  
SDG 5 Good health and well being : The  
situation of Rural Women

17TH OCTOBER, 2022  
11:00 AM (BANGLADESH TIME)

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**Presenter**  
Dr. Ushwana Sorialah  
Senior Advisor (Gender Equality)  
CIRDAP

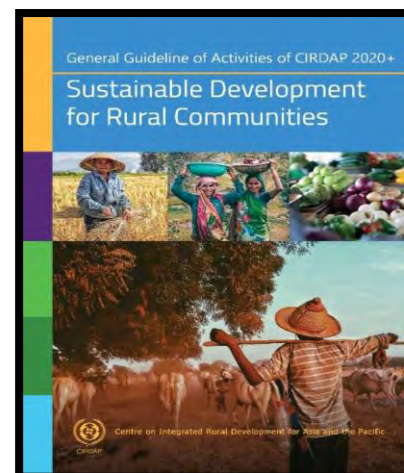
**Moderator**  
Ms. Nurin Jannat  
Country Officer (DR)  
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## THE GENERAL GUIDELINE OF ACTIVITIES 2020+ (GGA)

The General Guideline of Activities 2020 + (GGA) of CIRDAP was endorsed at the Technical Committee (TC) 36 meeting in November 2021. It is placed on the CIRDAP website, and based on the GGA, CIRDAP is preparing the plan for the training, workshops, and research activities of the different thematic areas of integrated rural development (IRD) throughout the year 2022. CIRDAP also disseminates the GGA to its partners, stakeholders, development agencies, and other organizations.



## CIRDAP E-LIBRARY

CIRDAP e-library regularly generates IRD Knowledge, compiles and disseminates information and resources on IRD and other development issues to the staff and CIRDAP member countries. Resources were kept for reference in the library for future studies. Staff and the CMCs can access knowledge on integrated rural development and Poverty Alleviation, which are stored on the online platform to benefit CIRDAP Member countries' people. This is an online archive for collecting, preserving, and disseminating digital copies of CIRDAP Publications, documents, and publications for CMCs. These are the CIRDAP Annual reports, Rural Development reports, Study series, Training Series, Documentation Series, Newsletters, books, etc. CIRDAP staff & CMCs can read library books, reports, and essential & exciting news and current articles related to RD & PA. There are links to various open-access journals and e-books, e-reports, etc. Till today, more than 350 people have visited the e-Library website. Link: <https://library.cirdap.org/>.



## CIRDAP INFORD PORTAL



This is a knowledge repository of information on Integrated Rural Development of CMCs in particular and in the Asia Pacific region in General. Data, Videos, and Best practices of CMCs placed here for knowledge sharing and learning. Best practices of CMCs were documented and disseminated in the Portal. This is a collaborative

portal, and contribution flows from the member countries - Info RD portal Link: <http://inford.org>.

## CIRDAP ONLINE NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS SERVICES (CONCS):

It is a compressive online information service for researchers and experts interested in rural and poverty alleviation in the Asia Pacific region. Newspaper clippings mainly focus on: Covid-19 recovery and Response; Climate Change and Natural disasters; Poverty alleviation; Inequality issues, gender, human rights and; Conflicts, and humanitarian assistance. Under these themes, CIRDAP Library collects, complies, and repackages articles related to these topics and sends them to staff and CIRDAP Experts. Other articles on Agriculture, Rural Development, Poverty Alleviation, Sustainable Rural livelihoods, Food Security & Nutrition, SME Development, Climate change & Global Warming, Local Government, Water and Sanitation, Disaster Risk Reduction, Renewal Energy, Micro Credit, and Microfinance, Cooperatives also send to the CIRDAP Staff and other professional staff of CIRDAP & Experts Database and making them available in Info RD Portal.

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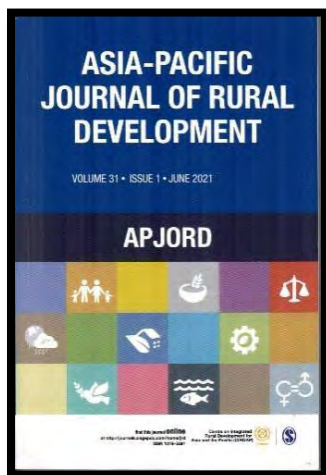
The CAL-E-Abstract is a compendium of newly published articles (Abstracts and Citation) related to poverty reduction, rural development, and other development issues. The collection of articles from various recent journals on IRD and PA factors and articles available on websites and open-access journals. Quarterly CAL E-Abstract is circulated to the staff, and some were uploaded to the CIRDAP and e-Library websites.

<https://cirdap.org/2021/06/27/cal-e-abstracts-on-covid-19/>

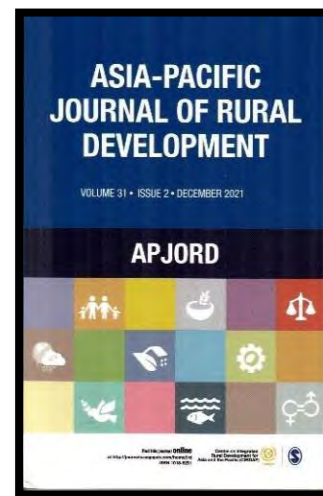


## PUBLICATIONS

### ASIA-PACIFIC JOURNAL OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (APJORD)



In June 2022, Volume Number 32 (Issue 1-June) was published. CIRDAP has partnered with renowned global publisher SAGE Publisher to publish and distribute CIRDAP's flagship journal Asia-Pacific Journal of Rural Development, worldwide. The first two issues of APJORD published by SAGE Publication were released on 15th August and 30<sup>th</sup> December 2019. More revenue is expected to be generated from the sale of APJORD under the marketing umbrella of



SAGE. Since 1991 CIRDAP has been publishing this journal.

### E-BOOKS COLLECTION:

CAL regularly Collects free e-books and other e-resources and disseminates information to CIRDAP staff.

### RURAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2021

The Rural Development Report 2021, titled "Digital Services for the Marginalized Rural People in Asia and the Pacific: Accessibility, Affordability, and Implications" was published and launched during the 37<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, in 2022.

Prof. Dr. Mohammed Helal Uddin, the Director of Research at CIRDAP, launched the Report Bangladesh and India at the welcome reception hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand. He summarized the outcome of the report and provided valuable suggestions in RDR, such as improving hundred percent mobile subscriptions, gender or urban-rural division, and policies related to persons of disability and their access to ICT.



Dr. Muhammad Israr, Secretary of Agriculture, livestock, fisheries and Cooperative Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan, and the IRD Expert of CIRDAP and Mr. Supawat Komolmlarl, Expert of CIRDAP on ICT & Data Management, presented their views on the report.

potential in effective planning, management, monitoring of development initiatives, and policy support measures across CMCs.

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A scenic photograph of a rural landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road with visible tire tracks winds through a lush green field. Large, dark green trees frame the left and right sides of the image. In the middle ground, a small, light-colored house with a red roof sits on a grassy hillside. The background consists of a steep, forested hill with patches of exposed brown earth. A semi-transparent blue rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing the title text in white.

# GENDER & YOUTH IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT



## CIRDAP GENDER & YOUTH IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT



Gender: women make up nearly 50 percent of agricultural employment. The Sustainable Development Goals (1, 2, 5 & 8) - CIRDAP works on gender equality and recognizes that empowering women also empowers and benefits men and that the key to improving rural development, agriculture, food security, and nutrition lies in the engagement of women, men, boys, and girls. CIRDAP works on gender equality (SDG5) and empowerment of rural women and girls is aligned with the heart of the 2030 Agenda: leaving no one behind.

CIRDAP observes “the international day of Rural Women” on October 15 each year as one of its major events to celebrate their contributions in different sectors in rural areas such as agriculture, food production and security, and others. On October 17, 2022, a webinar was organized on the International Day of Rural Women. Dr. Usharani Boruah, Librarian and Gender Coordinator, CIRDAP, presented on “SDG 3 Good Health and Wellbeing: The Situation of rural women in the Asia Pacific Region”.

CIRDAP organized International Women’s Day 2022 under the theme: Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow and presentations by Dr. Usharani Boruah titled “Break the Bias” and by Ms. Maisha Jesmin titled “Women’s Equality in Digital Space”; interview of an Inspirational woman who has broken the bias of the society (the life story of a village woman name Khodeja Begum who has broken the bias). It was presented on the International Women’s Day program, held at CIRDAP on 8th March 2022.



◇ Dr. Usharani Boruah, Programme Coordinator of Gender in Integrated Rural Development, developed a brochure on the Women, Youth, and Rural Development Programme for presenting at the 37<sup>th</sup> session of the Technical Committee meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, in September 2022.

◇ Ms. Rakhi Barua, Senior Programme Manager, Centre for Disability in Development (CDD), has been communicated for further collaboration between CIRDAP and CDD on gender issues.

◇ Dr. Usharani Boruah of CIRDAP and Ms. Rakhi Barua of CDD attended the 8th session of the Gender on Aquaculture and Fisheries (GAF8) on Shaping the Future: Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries to be held in Kochi, Kerala, India during 21-23 November 2022. Dr. Boruah presented on the Women, youth and Rural Development Programme of CIRDAP, whereas Ms. Barua presented on “Strengthening Agencies and Voice of Women with Disabilities for Promoting Inclusion and Diversity” at the GAF8.





# PARTNERSHIP & COOPERATION

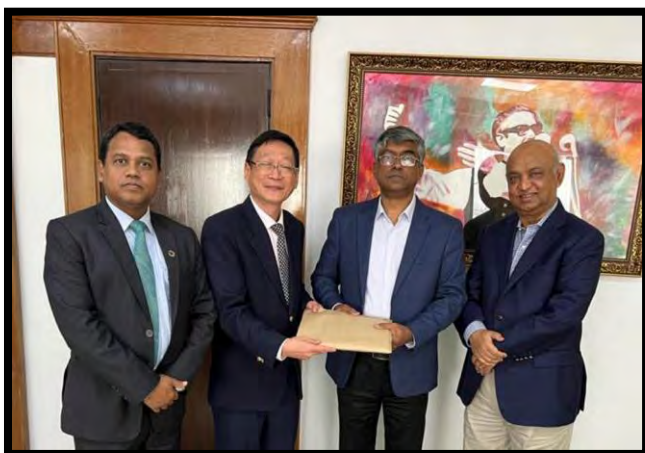
Under the partnership and cooperation, the DG of CIRDAP had several meetings, cooperation, and collaboration with various organizations and partners:

- ◇ CIRDAP and the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD) co-organized a friendly football match at BARD on Friday, 9th December 2022. This is to promote friendship and cooperation between the two organizations.



- ◇ There were 17 organizations who attended the 33rd session of the CIRDAP's Executive Committee meeting on 19 April 2022 as observers. These are Access Agriculture, African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO), Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD), Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), Asian NGO Coalition (ANGOC), Asian Productivity Organization (APO), Bangladesh Shrimp and Fish Foundation (BSFF), Centre for Disability in Development (CDD), College of Arts, Media and Technology (CAMT), FAO Bangladesh, Global Forum on Human Settlements (GFHS), ILC Asia (Indonesia), International Institute for Trade and Development (ITD), Korea Legislation Research Institute (KLRI), Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific (NACA) and Cooperative Auditing Department (CAD), Thailand.
- ◇ The DG of CIRDAP attended the 25th anniversary of the Bay of Bengal Initiatives for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) on 6th June 2022 at the Sheraton Hotel in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- ◇ Ten organizations attended the CIRDAP's 37th session of the Technical Committee meeting held on 9 – 12 September 2022 in Bangkok, Thailand. These are ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR), Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organization (BOBP-IGO), Bangladesh Shrimp and Fish Foundation (BSFF), Centre for Disability in Development (CDD), DOF – Thailand, Pacific Disaster Center (PDC), Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific (NACA), International Ocean Institute (IOI-Thailand), International Institute for Trade and Development (ITD), SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) and TFM.

- ◇ The DG of CIRDAP had a courtesy meeting with the Senior Secretary, Ministry of Commerce of Bangladesh, Mr. Tapan Kanti Ghosh, at the Ministry of Commerce on Tuesday, 20 November 2022. The issues of discussion include cooperation with CIRDAP on annual flagship training on regional integrated rural development, governance, trade, and sustainable development for Asia-Pacific; proposed cooperation with the International Institute for Trade and Development (ITD), Thailand, and TICA on WTO training in Thailand in 2023; launch of the UNCTAD Trade and Development Report 2022 in collaboration with UNCTAD and ITD; establishment of the e-commerce platform for the rural entrepreneur; a visit of the UNCTAD Secretary-General, Ms. Rebeca Grynspan during the meeting proposed for 11-12 March 2023 in Dhaka, Bangladesh and possible FTA under BIMSTEC and seabass culture in Bangladesh.



The photograph shows Mr. Tapan Kanti Ghosh, Senior Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce of Bangladesh, Mr. Syed Mahamudul Huq, Chairman of Bangladesh Shrimp and Fish Foundation, and Mr. Md. Abdur Rahim Khan, Additional Secretary - Head of the Export Wing of the Ministry of Commerce of Bangladesh.





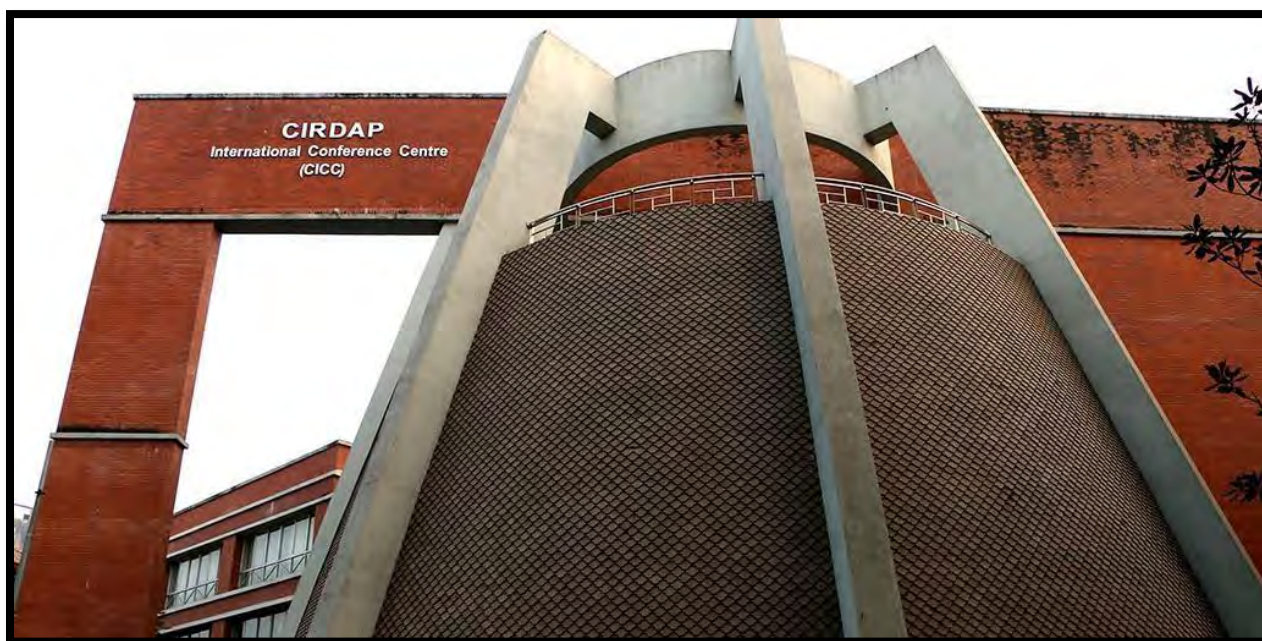
# ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE



## ADMINISTRATION

CIRDAP Administration Unit provides administrative support to all units/divisions of the CIRDAP in achieving the objectives in an effective, efficient, and economical manner. The unit is responsible for administering the staff, Human Resource Management, Legal activities, Protocol, Security, Safety, Space Management & Maintenance, Procurement, Store management, Transport management, and services, including supporting and arranging meetings of the CIRDAP Policy Bodies and implementation of the decisions. The CICC unit manages the International Conferences Centre, looks after the event and catering management, and significantly supports CIRDAP finance.

### CIRDAP AUDITORIUM & CICC



**In 2022, the total number of programs at CICC was 280**

In 1995, the Government of Bangladesh provided all support for the construction of the CIRDAP Auditorium with seating facilities. Since then, CIRDAP Auditorium has been a famous and busy one in Dhaka City. Over the years, the activities of CIRDAP have increased, and in the context of a felt need commensurate with the new outlook of CIRDAP, GOB, took the initiative to construct a multi-storied building for CIRDAP with International Conference facilities. The purpose of CICC and Auditorium is to organize more international and national training, workshop, conferences, and official meetings, extend facilities to national & international organizations for conducting training, workshop, conferences, and official meetings, establish an international communication Technology ICT center with support from all CIRDAP member countries to make it a regional hub of ICT. After the inauguration of CICC in 2013, every year, the dimension of the program increased till the outbreak of COVID-19 in March 2020.

## FINANCE

### Sources of funds

- (i) General Fund (GF) - Regular contribution from the CMCs for the administrative and programme support budget;
- (ii) Trust Fund (TF) - Grants from the donor countries/agencies for programmatic activities ;
- (iii) Regional Cooperation Fund (RCF) - Voluntary Contribution of Member Countries for specific programme purposes; and
- (iv) Corpus Fund (CF) - Generated from Auditorium and Cafeteria income. Only interest earned is utilized for programme purposes.
- (v) Working Capital Fund (WCF) - The fund established by the Governing Council to finance budgetary appropriations pending receipt of Member's Contributions and for such other purposes as may be authorized.
- (vi) Special Reserve Fund (SRF) - Funded out of interest earned on the investment of Trust Funds to finance projects for which funds cannot be arranged from other sources.
- (vii) Depreciation Reserve Fund (DRF) - Established to replace old furniture, equipment, vehicles, etc.

### Audit of the Accounts

The Financial Statement of CIRDAP of the 21st Biennium (2020 and 2021) was audited by the Cooperative Auditing Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand. The auditor also expressed that "The accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the CIRDAP as of December 31, 2021, and its financial performance for the Twenty-first Biennium ended December 31, 2021, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and CIRDAP's financial regulation."

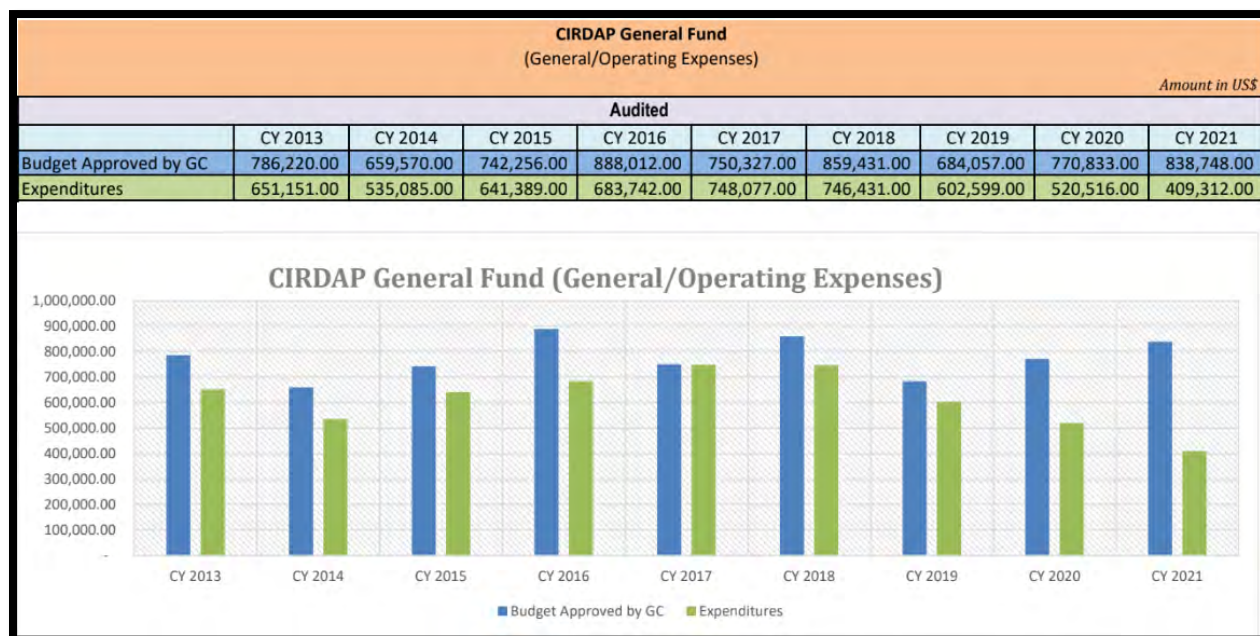
### Fund Raising

- ◇ In 2022, a Request for sponsors for the CIRDAP Exhibitions and Museum on Integrated Rural Development (CEMIRD) was carried out. The Charoen Pokaphand Co. Ltd. Supported \$1,000 US for the posters titled "The Sufficiency Economy Philosophy."
- ◇ Prof. Brian Szuster, CIRDAP Expert from the University of Hawaii, supported the amount of US \$ 5,000 for his lecture on community-supported fisheries from the Henry Luce Foundation for Southeast Asian Studies to support the participation of ASEAN participants at the 1<sup>st</sup> flagship training programme of CIRDAP-BARD on Regional Integrated Rural Development, Governance, Trade, and Sustainable Development to be held during 17<sup>th</sup> November to 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022



- ◇ Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand supported four roll-up posters on sufficiency economy philosophy for SDGs partnerships under the South-South cooperation in Lao PDR, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam for CEMIRD
- ◇ The DG of CIRDAP supported Mr. Somboon Laoprasert, a CIRDAP expert with a total amount of US\$ 1,157.87, to attend and to present on seabass farming in Thailand at the Policy Workshop titled “Prospects of Commercial Production of Seabass in Bangladesh” under the cooperation between CIRDAP and BSFF on Sunday, May 15, 2022, at CICC 2, CIRDAP
- ◇ Letters to request scholarship support were sent to the selected candidates for the training on 27 September 2022. These are the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD), Saudia Arabia; the Korea International Development Agency (KOICA); the Thailand International Development Agency (TICA); the embassies of Canada, Germany, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Netherlands, Switzerland, etc.
- ◇ The Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, in collaboration with UNDESA and the Ministry of Science and Technology of the Philippines, supported the DG of CIRDAP on his expenditures to attend the Global Sustainable Development Report 2023: Regional Consultation Workshop for Asia and the Pacific in Manila, Philippines during 28 November - 1 December 2022.

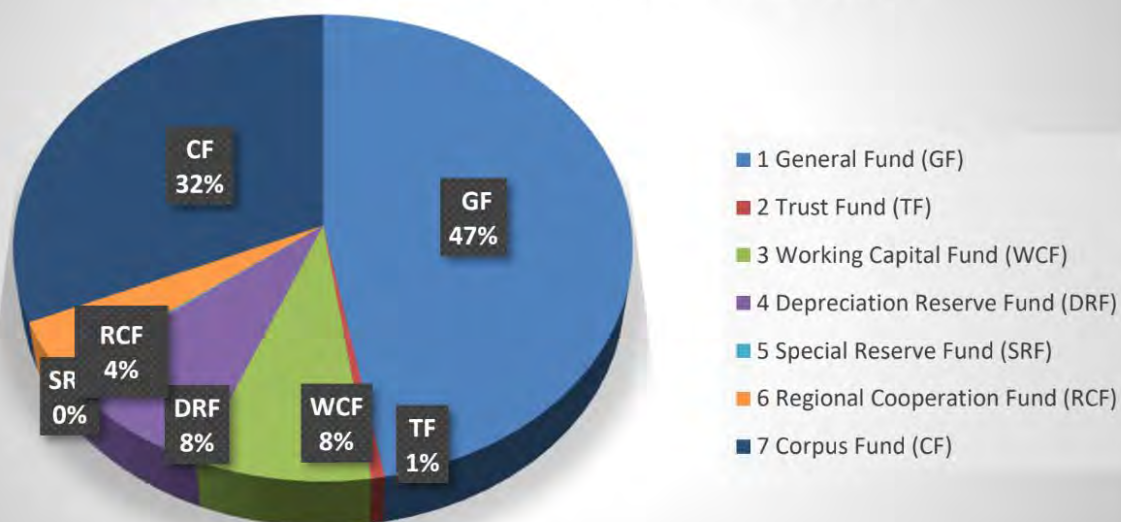
## FUND & OPERATING EXPENSES



## Fund Balance

CIRDAP Fund Status as at 31st December 2021		
SL	Name of Fund	Amount in US\$
1	General Fund (GF)	734,404.54
2	Trust Fund (TF)	9,899.40
3	Working Capital Fund (WCF)	130,317.00
4	Depreciation Reserve Fund (DRF)	133,292.12
5	Special Reserve Fund (SRF)	2,229.12
6	Regional Cooperation Fund (RCF)	56,553.63
7	Corpus Fund (CF)	492,466.99
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,559,162.80</b>

**CIRDAP Fund Status as at  
31st December 2021 Amount in US\$**







# ANNEXURES



## Annex: CIRDAP Staff Profile

## PROFESSIONAL AND GENERAL SERVICE STAFF MEMBERS IN 2022

Name	Designation	Joining Date	Separation Date
<b>Dr. Cherdsak Virapat</b>	Director General	10.09.2020	
<b>Dr. Mohammed Helal Uddin</b>	Director Research	01.01.2020	
<b>Mr. F.A.M Zakirul Huq</b>	Administrative Officer	01.03.2018	
<b>Ms. Hurain Jannat</b>	Communication Officer	01.12.2019	
<b>Mr. Shishir Gobinda Saha</b>	Finance Officer	15.12.2016	
<b>Dr. Usharani Boruah</b>	Librarian	10.07.2007	
<b>Mr. Deba Datta Chakma</b>	Sr. Secretary, DG	17.06.2010	
<b>Ms. Najma Yeasmin</b>	Assistant Administrative Officer (HR)	02.10.2011	
<b>Mr. Minhazul Bari Ahmed</b>	Assistant Administrative Officer (P & SC)	01.01.1995	01.02.2022
<b>Mr. Haripada Bhowmik</b>	Executive Officer Finance	15.09.1996	
<b>Ms. Tahsina Tabassum Sajuti</b>	Executive Assistant (Research)	01.12.2020	
<b>Mr. Shankar Chandra Das</b>	Technical Operator	18.08.1980	01.02.2023
<b>Mr. Shimul Barua</b>	Driver	13.06.2007	
<b>Mr. Kallol Barua</b>	Driver	27.12.2009	
<b>Mr. Biplob Kumar Dhar</b>	Driver	07.08.2012	
<b>Mr. Swapan Kumar Sarker</b>	Machine Operator	07.08.2012	
<b>Mr. Bishu Chandra Das</b>	Technical Operator	01.06.1992	
<b>Mr. Kazi Sharif Ahmed</b>	Messenger	01.07.1998	
<b>Mr. Md. Jahangir Alam</b>	Bearer-Cook	01.05.2000	
<b>Mr. Md. Abdur Rahman Molla</b>	Gardener	17.10.2007	
<b>Mr. Sujit Chandra Das</b>	Janitor	07.08.2012	
<b>Mr. Md. Delwar Hossain</b>	Janitor	07.08.2012	
<b>Mr. Martin Does</b>	Watchman	07.08.2012	

### SHORT-TERM STAFF MEMBERS IN 2022

The following staff were recruited from time to time to assist in various positions and to provide support to workers

Name	Designation	Joining Date	Separation Date
<b>Mr. Saiful Islam</b>	Medical Consultant (Part-time)	02.07.2006	
<b>Mr. Shahariar Haque</b>	Executive Officer (CICC)	02.07.2020	
<b>Mr. Md. Mustafa Kamal</b>	Administrative Assistant	02.07.2020	
<b>Ms. Maisha Jesmin</b>	Research Associate	06.04.2021	06.04.2022
<b>Ms. Sanjida Alam Ria</b>	Research Assistant	08.12.2021	07.06.2022
<b>Ms. Ismay Jahan</b>	Research Assistant	25.03.2021	09.05.2022
<b>Mr. Md. Monir Hossain</b>	Technician	02.07.2020	
<b>Mr. Md. Raju Ahmed</b>	Cook	01.11.2021	
<b>Mr. Rajon Ahmed</b>	Survey Supervisor	14.03.2022	15.06.2022
<b>Ms. Aklima Akter</b>	Research Assistant	20.07.2022	28.02.2023
<b>Md. Niaj Morshed</b>	Vat Management Service Officer	01.10.2022	28.02.2023



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