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# ABOUT **CIRDAP**

The Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) is a regional, intergovernmental and autonomous institution.

It was established on 06 July 1997 at the initiative of the countries of the Asia-Pacific region and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations with support from other UN bodies and donor. The center came into being to meet the felt needs of the developing countries at that time as an institution for promoting integrated rural development in the region.

It has 15 member countries viz. Afghanistan, Bangladesh (host state), Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

Operating through contact ministries and link institutions in member countries, CIRDAP promotes technical cooperation among nations of the region. It plays a supplementary and reinforcing role in supporting and furthering the effectiveness of integrated rural development programmes in the Asia-Pacific region.



# POLICY **PROFILES**

CIRDAP has three policy bodies; each is responsible to perform distinct roles and functions to operate the Centre's activities. These include the Governing Council (GC), the Executive Committee (EC) and the Technical Committee (TC).

#### **Governing Council (GC)**

Minister, Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, Afghanistan

Minister, Ministry for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, Bangladesh

Minister, Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management, Fiji

Minister, Ministry of Rural Development, India

Minister, Ministry of Home Affairs, Indonesia

Minister, Ministry of Agriculture Jahad, Iran

Minister, Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR

Minister, Ministry of Rural and Regional Development, Malaysia

Union Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation,

Minister, Ministry for Federal Affairs and Local Development,

Nepal

Prime Minister, (Minister In-charge of Establishment

Division), Ministry of Establishment, Pakistan

Secretary, Department of Agrarian Reform, Philippines

Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Sri Lanka

Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand

Minister, Ministry for Agriculture and Rural Development,

Vietnam

#### **Executive Committee (EC)**

Deputy Minister (Programmes), Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, Afghanistan

Secretary, Rural Development and Cooperative Division, Ministry of LGRD&C, Bangladesh

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management, Fiji

Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, India

Secretary General, Ministry of Home Affairs, Indonesia

Deputy Minister for Planning, Economic and International Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture Jahad, Iran

Vice Minister, Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry, Lao PDR

Secretary General, Ministry of Rural and Regional Development, Malaysia

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Myanmar

Secretary, Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development, Nepal

Secretary, Establishment Division, Ministry of Establishment, Pakistan

Undersecretary, Support Services Office, Agrarian Reform Stakeholders Relation Office, DAR, Philippines

Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Sri Lanka

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Cooperatives, Thailand

Vice Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnam

#### **Technical Committee (TC)**

Executive Director, Afghanistan Institute for Rural Development (AIRD), MRRD, Afghanistan

Director General, Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), Bangladesh

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management, Fiji

Director General, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR), India

Directorate General, Rural Governance, Ministry of Home Affairs, Indonesia

Director General, Agriculture Planning Economic and Rural Development Research Institute (APERDRI), Ministry of Agriculture-Jahad, Iran

Director General, Department of Planning and Cooperation Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR

Director, Institute for Rural Advancement (INFRA), Ministry of Rural and Regional Development, Malaysia

Director General, Department of Agricultural Planning, Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation, Myanmar

Executive Director, Local Development Training Academy (LDTA), Nepal

Director General, Akhtar Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural, Development & Municipal Administration, Pakistan

> Director, Bureau of Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Development (BARBD), DAR, Philippines

Director, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute (HARTI), Sri Lanka

Secretary General, National FAO Committee, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand

Director General, International Cooperation Department Ministry of Agriculture, Vietnam

## STRATEGIC DIRECTION



#### **CIRDAP Vision, Mission and Values**

#### VISION

CIRDAP, a Centre of Excellence in Integrated Rural Development.

#### **VALUES**

CIRDAP should be guided by the following values:

- Diligence Commitment to careful and persistent work and effort to contribute to the achievement of CIRDAP goals;
- Integrity Uphold moral or ethical code through honesty, faithfulness, sincerity and innocence;
- Transparency and Accountability Ensure that all activities are undertaken through ways in which they can easily be visible by others and taking ownership of their processes and outputs;
- Inclusivity Ensure the inclusion of the most vulnerable rural people in terms of socio-economic status, gender physical challenges in all activities undertaken; and
- Resilience The ability to anticipate and manage challenges to sustain continuous progress.

#### **MISSION**

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

- We shall strengthen collaboration with our link ministries, link institutions, development partners, private sector and other stakeholders;
- We shall adopt state of the art information and communication technology;
- We shall commit to mobilising resources; and
  - We shall embrace the values of Diligence, Integrity, Transparency and Accountability, Inclusivity, and Resilience to inculcate professionalism.

### **Specific Focus Areas**

#### 1. Sustainable Development and Efficient Use of Natural Resources

- Land Administration and Management
- Waste Management

#### 2. Livelihoods

- Poverty Reduction
- Economic Productivity through Technological Innovation, Upgrading and Diversification and Related Policies
- Skill Development
- Entrepreneurship
- Access to Financial Services
- Sustainable Tourism (Eco Tourism)
- New Development and Emerging Issues of Rural Livelihood

#### 3. Access to Basic Services:

- Access and Use of ICT for IRD
- Rural Transportation Access

#### 4. Climate Change and Impacts

• Strengthen Resilience and Adaptive Capacity to Climate Change

#### 5. Governance

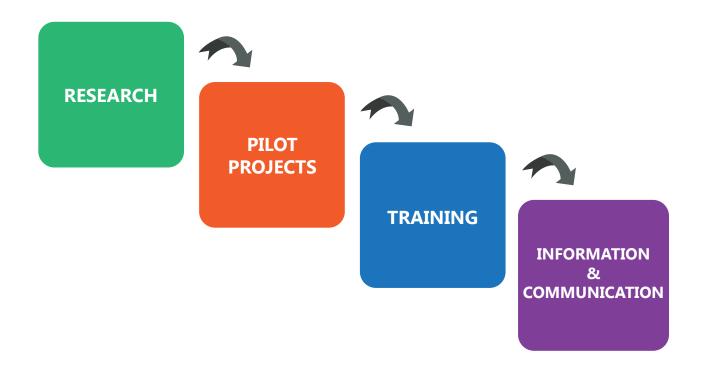
- Strengthening Local Governance and CBO/CSOs
- Gender Inclusive Governance

#### 6. Management of Rural Areas in Transition

#### MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF CIRDAP

The programme activities of CIRDAP are undertaken by four divisions, i.e. Research, Pilot Projects, Training, and Information & Communication. The major activities of these divisions are as follows:

- CIRDAP's research studies focus on the dynamics of the socio-economic change in the rural societies and identify causal factors that constrain the lives of the rural disadvantaged and perpetuate poverty, provide guidelines to policy-makers, and formulate follow-up activities leading to further research, action research/pilot projects and training.
- The Pilot Projects envisages developing innovative experimental projects by identifying appropriate institutions, methodologies and technology to enhance skills and build capacities of human resource development of villagers for income generation and for other productive as well as social and economic empowerment.
- Training facilitates attitudinal and behavioural change and contributes towards enhancing
  capacity building of development facilitators so that they can become effective agents,
  communicators of change, strong advocates of community participation, and capable partners of
  communities in development.
- The Information and Communication activities seek to promote dissemination of research findings and action research/pilot projects and training outcomes of CIRDAP projects. The Centre's communication services provide wider circulation to rural development and poverty alleviation programme initiatives of the member countries.



#### MESSAGE of Tevita G. Boseiwaqa Taginavulau Director General

As per the policy body's direction, CIRDAP Secretariat, in the year of 2017, has been entrusted to focus and execute several policy initiatives in order to become more relevant, excellent and visible in the Asia-Pacific region, particularly into the CIRDAP member countries. From the very beginning, CIRDAP Secretariat has taken this

transition as a challenge reviving it again as Centre of Excellence in integrated rural development. It has also taken course of actions and efforts as well as programmes to meet the felt-needs and to make it more relevance to CMCs. The major three policy initiatives are:

- i) Enhancing strategic linkage through expansion of CIRDAP membership and strengthening ties with regional organisations and development partners;
- ii) Strengthening CIRDAP Secretariat through a clear five- year Strategic Plan and improving its system and processes; and
- iii) Strengthening of Programme Activities.

On the basis of policy strategic direction and striving to make the Centre more vibrant into the Pacific region, the CIRDAP Secretariat focused on bringing in more membership, and engaging international and regional organisations from the pacific islands. In this endeavor, the Director General of CIRDAP has paid mission visits to the pacific islands in 2017. Accordingly, the Centre has pursued three island nations from the South Pacific, namely Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, and also Bhutan from South Asia to become members of CIRDAP.

It is anticipated that the countries will join as members of CIRDAP in near future. Whilst pursuing this, the Secretariat has also been working to engage Cambodia and Maldives to be members in this year (2018). CIRDAP Secretariat has also forged partnership with new regional organisations and development partners through signing of MoUs, for instance the Korea Legislation Research Institute (KLRI) in May 2017; ANGOC (Asian NGO Coalition) in March 2017; the Philippine Centre for Postharvest Development and Mechanization(PHilMech) in September 2017. The Secretariat is in the process of signing MoUs with regional organization in the Pacific region, such as the Pacific Island Development Forum (PIDF), Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) and Pacific Island Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (PIANGO).

CIRDAP Secretariat has also taken initiatives, as per GC-20 decisions, to strengthen CIRDAP Secretariat by developing a five-year Strategic Plan and revising the Operation Manual to improve its system and processes. The Secretariat was also able to facilitate establishment of CIRDAP subcentres in its Link Institutes, e.g. Bangladesh, India and the Philippines, in accordance with decisions of GC-2 and GC-19 respectively. It gives immense pleasure to state that last year (2017) the policy body meetings (i.e. TC-32 in Comilla, Bangladesh; EC-31 and GC-21 in Manila, Philippines) were successfully held.

During the year of 2017, all the divisions of CIRDAP concentrated on performing respective duties, generating new programmes to serve the Centre better and acting as Centre of Excellence to its member countries. There were 18 programmes held in 2017, wherein a total of 289 participants from 15 member countries attended. Experts from CMCs, other countries and development partners facilitated the programmes. Out of 18 programmes, seven programme were held in India, four programmes in Bangladesh, two in Malaysia, two in Fiji, one in Indonesia, another one in Sri Lanka, and the rest one in Bhutan.

Moreover, CIRDAP programmes were strengthened in 2017 through the establishment of a state-of-the-art 'Centre for Geo-Informatics Applications in Rural Development (CCGARD)' fully-funded by the Government of India, which was inaugurated on 21 January 2017. The Centre also observed its 38th Foundation Day at its headquarters located in Dhaka. To execute the Centre according to its new Mission, i.e. to provide technical support and promote innovative best practices on sustainable IRD amongst member countries in order to improve the lives of the rural people, CIRDAP Secretariat has focused on identifying innovative best practices and replicating those to other CMCs. During the year of 2017, a team from the Secretariat visited the Aarong Model's (One of the most successful NGO's initiative) project area in Manikgonj, Bangladesh and is striving to replicate the model to the other CMCs. It is now on the process of being implemented in Fiji. As an outcome, the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation is now discussing to send a delegation of top government officials to Bangladesh in 2018.

On the other hand, CIRDAP had also developed a project in up-scaling the Bangladesh Rural Development model "Powering up One House, One Farm" through provisions of sustainable energy. A proposal of USD 1

Million Grant is to be submitted to UNDESA to implement the project. The collaboration for this project had been proposed between CIRDAP and Rural Development and Cooperative Division, Bangladesh, where some specialized partners like 'Hathay Bunano' and 'Barefoot College, India' was being expected to be involved. In 2017, as a part of the initiative, a four member team comprising of three members from the Rural Development and Cooperatives Division, MoLGRD&C, Government of Bangladesh visited the Barefoot College in India to assess the impact access to energy.

At the same time, the Secretariat is now implementing the CIRDAP-PhilMech-DIU Capacity Development Project (i.e. Up-valuing Agro-Food Enterprise of selected Bank assisted Women Group). The MoU-MoA for technical cooperation on technology transfer and enterprise development of PhilMech developed technologies under the Department of Agriculture were signed on 06 September, 2017. In line with the signing of MOU, the activity proposal was finalized and duly signed on 23 November 2017 in Dhaka. The installment of the machineries under the project is being implemented now at the Daffodil International University (DIU) in Bangladesh. It is expected that implementation of the project will be started with full-pledge in 2018.

The CIRDAP Secretariat is now on the process of initiating and implementing a research project with SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) on "Livelihood Enhancement of the Small Farmers in SAARC Region through Small Scale Agro-business focusing on Value Chain Development". A focus group discussion on the project implementation among the respective stakeholders took place last year. Moreover, in order to develop a regional project to upscale the successful model so as to improve livelihoods, the Centre organized a consultative meeting on "Communitybased Non-Wood Forest Products Enterprise: A Sustainable Business Model" in Bhutan, where experts from CMCs (i.e. Fiji, Lao PDR, the Philippines, Myanmar and Bangladesh), among others, facilitated in the meeting.

The major focus of the Administration Section has been on strengthening the three (3) key divisions, professional and support staff capacity through recruitment, and ensuring compliance with set of rules and regulations to boost organizational transparency and accountability. The division has also been concern on improving the overall security systems at CIRDAP campus. This includes hiring of Ansar (police) Services, installation of surveillance cameras, and Walk-through archways metal detectors. Along with other works and activities, it has also facilitated in terms of financial policies and procedures, interim arranges, as well as final audit work of the Centre.

To all instances and purposes, the Centre has given efforts in 2017 on the following strategic directions, developing some models and replicating, building a relatively strong base of the Centre through preparing revised Operational Manual, implementing planned programmes, expanding partnership and linkages with regional and national organisations, establishing sub-centres in CMCs, organizing policy body meetings, making the Centre digitalized, and reviving the Centre, above all, a Centre of Excellence in integrated rural development.

Finally, I would like to express my deepest and humble gratitude and tribute to our CIRDAP member countries, link ministries and institutes, development partners, and best-wishers for their untiring continued support and efforts to make CIRDAP a Centre of Excellence. I would also like to express my deepest appreciation to the policy bodies and members of the TC-32 Working Committee, as well as Review Committee members for their whole hearted support, strategic directions and guidance that made possible to finalise CIRDAP's Vision, Missions, Values and Goals to achieve. I hope that these supports, cooperation and encouragement for CIRDAP in the years to come will be continued with further intensified and motivation.

Tevita G. Boseiwaqa Taginavulau

### **Building Bridges**



DG CIRDAP exchanging Eid greetings with H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Government of Bangladesh on 26 June 2017.



DG CIRDAP had a meeting with H.E. Sonam Tobden Rabgye, Bhutanese Ambassador to Bangladesh on 08 June 2017 at Embassy of Bhutan in Dhaka. During the meeting, they discussed the status of invitation to the Royal Government of Bhutan to be a member of CIRDAP.



Meeting with Director, PIANGO during DG's Mission Visit to the Pacific in August 2017.



Meeting with (Former) Director General of BARD on 02 March 2017.



DG (right corner of the photo) exchanging Eid greetings with H.E. Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid, Hon'ble President, Government of Bangladesh on 26 June 2017.



Meeting with H.E. High Commissioner of the Solomon Island to Fiji in early



DG CIRDAP handing over the CIRDAP crest to the Secretary General, PIDF in August 2017.



Meeting with Senior Programme Specialist of SAC on 16 March 2017.

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### 21<sup>st</sup> CIRDAP Governing Council Meeting

The Twenty-first Meeting of the CIRDAP Governing Council (hereinafter referred to as GC-21) was held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at Metro Manila, Philippines. The Meeting was attended by the delegates from its member countries, i.e. Bangladesh, Fiji, Indonesia, Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines and Thailand.

The keynote speech, on behalf of the Chief Guest H.E. Hon. Rodrigo Roa Duterte, the President of the Republic of the Philippines, was delivered by the Hon. Rosalina L. Bistoyong, OIC Secretary, Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Government of the Philippines. The inaugural programme began with welcome remark by Mr. Tevita G. Boseiwaqa Taginavulau, DG, CIRDAP. He hoped that valuable advice shared by the GC members in the meeting will provide direction to CIRDAP Secretariat to advance CIRDAP as a Centre of Excellence in integrated Rural Development in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Opening Statement was delivered by the GC-20 Chairperson H.E. Joeli Cawaki, Asst. Minister for Rural Development and Maritime, Government of Fiji, while H.E. Engr. Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, Minister of Local Government and Rural Development and Cooperatives, Government of the Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh also made a speech as Special Guest. Atty. Luis Pangulayan, Undersecretary for Legal Affairs Office, DAR, introduced the Chief Guest, wherein Ms. Ma Celestina Manlangit-Tam, Director, Bureau of Agrarian Legal Assistance, DAR delivered the vote of thanks.



GC Members of the Philippines and Fiji were unanimously elected as the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson of GC-21 respectively for the period starting from GC-21 Meeting till the election of new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson at the next GC meeting (GC-22).

### 31<sup>st</sup> CIRDAP Executive Committee Meeting

The Thirty-first Meeting of the CIRDAP Executive Committee (hereinafte referred to as EC-31) was held during 09-10 October 2017 at Metro Manila, Philippines. It was attended by delegates from its member states, i.e.

Bangladesh, Fiji, Indonesia, Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines and Thailand.

Ms. Evelyn G. Laviňa, Undersecretary for High Value Crops and Rural Credit under the Department of Agriculture, Government of the Philippines read the Keynote Speech of Chief Guest Hon. Secretary Emmanuel F Piňol. The

Undersecretary Ms. Laviňa delivered the message of the Secretary emphasizing on "unity while doing differently" and up valuing regional cooperation effectiveness addressing poverty through implementation of national development policies. Further, the speech of the Special Guest, Ms. Mafruha Sultana, Secretary of the Rural Development and Cooperatives Division under the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives (LGRD&C), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, suggested some ways making CIRDAP more relevant to CMCs. Mr. Setareki Tale, the Chairperson of Executive Committee and also the Deputy Secretary/Divisional Commissioner (Central), Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development, Natural Disaster Management and Meteorological Service, Government of Fiji hoped that the members will actively participate in the meeting to make it successful. Mr. Tevita G. Boseiwaqa Taginavulau, Director General (DG) of CIRDAP delivered

Delegates from Bangladesh, Fiji, Indonesia, Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines and Thailand attended the meeting.

his speec warm welcoming to everyone and thanking to the Government of Philippines for hosting the EC and GC meeting in a short notice. He expressed high hope that EC meeting will be the platform where delegates can take advantage to forge friendship and establish networks amongst member countries.



The EC Members of the Philippines and Fiji were unanimously elected as the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson of EC-31 respectively for the period starting from EC-31 Meeting till the election of new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson at the next EC meeting (EC-32).

# 32<sup>nd</sup> CIRDAP Technical Committee Meeting

The three-day long 32nd Technical Committee (TC-32) Meeting of CIRDAP was held during 3-5 May 2017 at the Bangladesh Academy of Rural Development (BARD), Comilla, Bangladesh. This year BARD, the Link Institute of CIRDAP in Bangladesh, is hosting the meeting on behalf of Government of Bangladesh.

H.E. Khandker Mosharraf Hossain, MP, Hon'ble Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives (LGRD&C), Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh inaugurated the Meeting as Chief Guest on 3rd May, 2017. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Muhammad Maududur Rashid Safdar, (Former) Director General of BARD, where Mr. Ananda Chanrda Biswas, (then) Secretary In-charge of Rural Development and Cooperative Division (RDCD), Ministry of LGRD&C attended as Special Guest.

In his address, Hon'ble Minister stressed that rural development has become a core agendum that touches the premises of most of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of United Nations. He urged that CIRDAP Member Countries should work closely with its Secretariat to have collaborative efforts for poverty alleviation and rural development in the region. CIRDAP will also be able to understand the development need of its member countries and work as a center of excellence for people-centric and inclusive development. Mr. Biswas, Secretary In-charge, highlighted the importance of exchange of views, ideas and expertise in different fields of rural development among the link institutions of CIRDAP. CIRDAP Director General Mr. Tevita G. Boseiwaqa Taginavulau while welcoming the participants expressed his warm thanks to BARD for hosting the meeting on behalf of Bangladesh, and mentioned that Bangladesh has become a role model for development globally. Ms. Aziza Binti Ahmed, the outgoing Chairperson of CIRDAP Technical Committee (TC-31) expressed gratitude to Bangladesh for warm hospitality. In the meeting, several agenda were discussed in the Technical Sessions. In these sessions, delegates from CIRDAP member countries shared their experiences and innovative initiatives on rural development. On 06 May 2017, field visits were organised for the participants to the Comprehensive Village Development Programme (CVDP) and 'One House One Farm' project area in Comilla, Bangladesh.



## RESEARCH



In the year of 2017, the Research Division mainly focused on preparing strategic planning forstrengthening CIRDAP, developing a regional project on Community-based Non-Wood Forest Products Enterprise, analyzing the Strategic Planning for Post Disaster Restoration of Agriculture, implementing a research project on Livelihood Enhancement of the Small Farmers in SAARC Region concentrating on Value Chain Development, replicating the Aarong Model into the Pacific Islands. A brief review of the activities undertaken in 2017 is described below:

#### **Consultative Meeting on a Sustainable Business Model**



successful model in order to improve livelihoods through product diversification and strengthen market linkages and document the best community based enterprise on non-wood forest products in the SAARC Region. The participants identified the challenges and the interventions that the project should have on the value chain based business model. It came up with several recommendations including the issues to be covered in the regional initiatives.

#### **Strategic Planning for Post Disaster Restoration of Agriculture in Nepal**

CIRDAP and SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) organised a Consultative Meeting Community-based Non-Wood Forest Products Enterprise: A Sustainable Business Model. The joint partnership Consultative Meeting took place during 24-26 August 2017 at Thimpu, Bhutan through a formal opening ceremony inaugurated by Mr. Dasho Rinzin Dorji, Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, Government of Bhutan. Director General of CIRDAP Mr. Tevita G. Boseiwaqa Taginavulau participated in the closing ceremony. The Meeting was organised to develop a regional project to upscale the

Among others, experts from the SAARC member countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal & Pakistan), and CIRDAP member countries (Fiji, Lao PDR, the Philippines, Myanmar and Bangladesh) attended.

CIRDAP and SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) in collaboration with the Ministry of Agricultural Development (MoAD), Government of Nepal conducted a Joint Mission for Strategic Planning for Post Disaster Restoration of Agriculture in Nepal during 11-17 December 2016 to assess the prevailing situation after the earthquake on 25 April 2015 and formulate action plan for the affected people. The report of the joint mission prepared in 2017 analysed that review and analysis of the post-disaster response, esp. after the 2015 Nepal Earthquake show that effective restoration and recovery activities have not been implemented. While the Government has not been able to focus on these activities because of the political instability and diverted focus on implementation of the constitution, other organisations have focused mainly on immediate rescue and relief activities with minimal effort on the long term recovery and restoration. Analysis shows that the key areas where effectiveness and efficiency of the post-disaster restoration actions could be improved related to aid and resource mobilization, disaster planning and preparedness, and implementation.

### FGD on the Project of Livelihood Enhancement of the Small Farmers in SAARC Region

With the support from the SAARC Development Fund (SDF), CIRDAP and SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) are now on the process of initiating and implementing a research project on "Livelihood Enhancement of the

Small Farmers in SAARC Region through Small Scale Agro-business focusing on Value Chain Development". A Focus Group Discussion for the aforementioned project was organised via video conference on 25 November 2017, where Mr. Tevita G. Boseiwaqa Taginavulau, Director General and Mr. Shafiqur Rahman, National Officer (Research) from CIRDAP participated virtually. SDF opened the meeting by welcoming the participants to the virtual meeting and briefed them on the objectives of the meeting. SAC presented the overview of the project, logical framework and the role of SAC. The presentation was followed by discussion and feedback from the participants. At the same time, CIRDAP presented its views and role as well as operational aspects. At the end, the discussion was wrapped up with work plan for next steps and recommendations for agreement.

#### Field Visit to Ayesha Abed Foundation in Manikgonj, Bangladesh

A team led by the Director General of CIRDAP visited the Ayesha Abed Foundation's (AAF) Manikgonj project area in Bangladesh - an initiative of BRAC, the largest NGO in the world - on 28 May 2017 with a view to observing the activities of the project on the ground, and replicating the most successful NGO's activities to other CIRDAP member countries. The AAF project was set up to mainly help rural women to overcome themselves and their children from poverty through their involvement in craft making and other activities. The team visited the production centre, weaving village and a sub-centre of AAF. CIRDAP is now on the process of implementing this project Model in the Pacific Islands.







#### **Review Committee finalises the Strategic Plan for CIRDAP**

CIRDAP has prepared a strategic plan on Strengthening CIRDAP as recommended by the policy bodies. The Strategic Plan was submitted to the Technical Committee and Executive/ Governing Council Meetings in 2017. It was prepared by a four member committee headed by Dr. Durga P. Paudyal, former Director General of CIRDAP. The other members are: Dr. Somporn Hanpongpandha, IRD expert of CIRDAP, Dr. S. Vijay Kumer, former Secretary, Government of India, and Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, former Governor of Bangladesh Bank as Advisors.

### PILOT PROJECTS



As per the CIRDAP Agreement, the Pilot Projects are designed to devise innovative experimental and successful rural development projects and replicating them over Asia-Pacific region through identifying suitable methodologies and appropriate implementing institutions, and using simplified technologies for employment generation as well as socio-economic empowerment for the marginalized rural communities. In order to meet the aforementioned demand and enhance skills through participation of rural people, the Division has undertaken several numbers of short-term and long-term pilot projects. Some of these projects can be replicated using either holistic or cluster approach in other CIRDAP member countries in the years to come.

The major project activities conducted during 2017 are as follows:

SI.	Project Title	Venue	Date/ Duration	Purpose	Supported by	Country Coverage	Particip ants/ Experts	Remarks
1.	Study Visit to Barefoot College, Tirona, India	Tirona, India	27 February to 3 March 2017	To assess the impact of access to energy, i.e., solar energy on socio economic and environmental aspects of sustainable development	RDCD, MoLGRD&C, Government of Bangladesh	Bangladesh (three from RDCD, MoLGRD&C, Government of Bangladesh and one from CIRDAP)	4	
2.	Regional Workshop on Revitalization of Rural Communities through Productivity Improvement Initiatives	Jakarta, Indonesia	21-25 August 2017		APO and MVDDRT, Government of Indonesia	Cambodia, Republic of China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam		
3.	Workshop on Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction in Agriculture	Colombo, Sri Lanka	11-15 September 2017	To review policies, programmes and plans for developing climate change adaptation measures in agriculture, and managing risks of extreme weather events and disasters; and to assist in formulating action plans for countries to integrate climate change adaptation and climate related disaster risk management measures into national agricultural policy, programmes and plans for developing sustainable agriculture.	APO and Ministry of Agriculture, Government of Sri Lanka	Bangladesh, Cambodia, Republic of China, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam		Seven resource persons from Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Thailand made presentations on their assigned themes and conducted technical sessions.
4.	Developing an Aarong Model version for the Womenof the Pacific Region	Fiji		It was a fact-finding mission to determine how a development model suitable for Fiji could be designed for rural women	Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Fiji	Fiji	3	It wasdrawn national interest after appearing twice inthe six o'clock NEWS at the Fiji TV One
5.	Capacity Development: Up valuing Agro-Food Enterprise of selected Bank assisted Women Group	Daffodil International University (DIU), Bangladesh	On-going		DIU	Philippines	1 (Expert from PhilMech Mr. Robelyn Daquila)	MoU& agreement signed with PhilMech to implement the project

## TRAINING



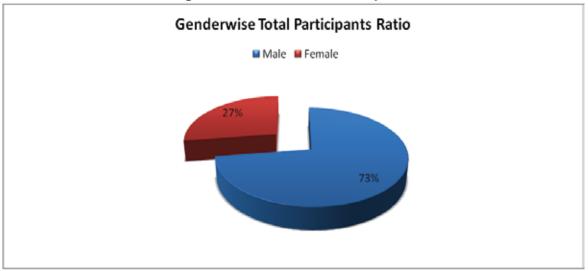
The Training Division of CIRDAP has been playing key role since its inception in 1979 by organizing different kinds of trainings and programmes in CIRDAP member countries (CMCs) for capacity building and human resource development of senior and mid-level officials. Those officials are generally chosen from CMCs link ministries, link institutes as well as other organisations in line with the relevant programme. The themes/issues covered during 2017 were Agricultural Insurance for Climate Change Adaptation, Rural Technologies, Human Resource Development, Agro-processing, Advanced Farm Mechanisation, Geospatial Information Management, Cold Chain and Logistics Management, and Human Resource Management. CIRDAP is now focusing on organizing more In-Country community-based programmes to address specific needs of a CMC, and bringing more participants under same umbrella; emphasizing on quality rather than quantity; and ensuring staff's capacity enhancement programmes.

During the year 2017, Training Division had successfully arranged 11 international training programmes, where a total of 187 officials from CMCs and other countries attended. Brief details of those training programmes held last year are as follows:

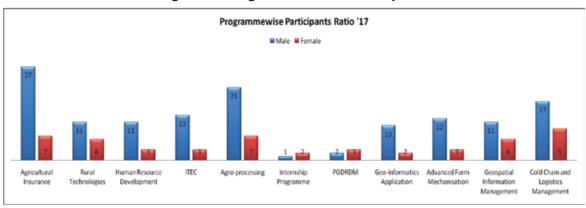
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SI.	Title of the Programme Country Coverage Duration Venue		Participants				
No					Male	Female	Total
01.	CIRDAP – AARDO – MARDI collaborative International Round Table on "Agricultural Insurance - A Climate Change Adaptation Tool in African, Asian and Pacific Regions"	Bangladesh, Republic of China, Fiji, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Lao PDR, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mauritius, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Palestine, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand, Vietnam, Zambia	06 – 10 February 2017	MARDI, Malaysia	27	7	34
02.	CIRDAP – NIRD&PR Collaborative International Training Programme on "Rural Technologies for Inclusive Growth"	Afghanistan, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam	12 – 22 February 2017	NIRD&PR, India	11	6	17
03.	CIRDAP – NIRD&PR Collaborative International Training Programme on "Human Resource Development for Rural Development"	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam	14 – 23 March 2017	NIRD&PR, Hyderabad, India	11	3	14
04.	Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Fellowship Programme 2017-18	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Iran, Malaysia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand	March 2017 - March 2018	India	13	3	16
05.	CIRDAP – BIRD – INFRA Collaborative Exposure cum Training Programme on "Agro processing"	India	14 – 20 May 2017	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	21	7	28
06.	Internship Programme 2017	India	16 August – 2 October 2017	CIRDAP HQ	1	2	3
07.	Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Development Management (PGDRDM) 14 <sup>th</sup> Batch	Afghanistan, Fiji, Iran, and Myanmar	August 2017 - July 2018	NIRD&PR, Hyderabad, India	2	3	5
08.	Training Programme on "Geo -Informatics Application in Rural Development"	Bangladesh (BARD Officials)	17 – 19 September 2017	BARD, Comilla, Bangladesh	10	2	12
09.	CIRDAP – APO – NIRD&PR Collaborative International Workshop on "Advanced Farm Mechanisation: Crop Sector"	Bangladesh, India, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand ,Vietnam, Cambodia , and Republic of China	25–29 September 2017	NIRD&PR, Hyderabad, India	12	3	15
10.	CIRDAP – NIRD&PR Collaborative International Training Programme on "Geospatial Information Management in Rural Development"	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Fiji, Ira n, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Thailand	13-22 November 2017	NIRDPR, Hyderabad, India	11	6	17
11.	CIRDAP – APO Collaborative Programme "Workshop on Cold Chain and Logistics Management for Agri - food Products"	Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam	11-15 December 2017	Nadi, Fiji	17	9	26
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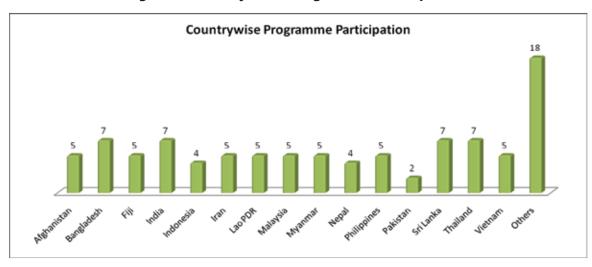
**Figure 1: Gender Wise Participants** 



**Figure 2: Programme Wise Participants** 



**Figure 3: Country Wise Programme Participation** 



# INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION



The Information and Communication Division (ICD) strengthened its role during the year of 2017 as the focal point of knowledge generation and information dissemination for CIRDAP. Last year, the division brought out various publications, maintained and ensured public relations, redesigned and developed CIRDAP website with more features including data, videos and best practices of CMCs, maintained various information requirements, provided IT and library services, and supported in organizing seminars/workshops/ trainings and building partnership with different organisations. The division has also facilitated in organising several programmes of CIRDAP like CIRDAP Foundation Day.

With the fund support from the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Government of India, the Centre on Geo-informatics Applications in Rural Development (CGARD) - widely known as GIS centre - was set up at CIRDAP and duly inaugurated on 21 January 2017 by Mr. Amarjeet Sinha, Secretary (RD), MoRD, Government of India. Since one of the priority areas of the CGARD Centre is the application of GIS in Rural Development, a GIS expert team from NIRD&PR, India has joined CIRDAP to fulfill the demand of the Centre. CGARD Centre also organized and facilitated several training programmes held at CIRDAP, Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development in Comilla, and in NIRD&PR, India. ICD has also focused on digitalizing the 'CIRDAP Aziz-ul Haque Library' as part of the Digital CIRDAP. The Division has also concentrated on branding and promoting CIRDAP in the social media.

#### **Knowledge Generation, Management and Dissemination**

During the period, ICD strengthened its efforts to generate knowledge, its management and dissemination. The following publications were brought out by ICD:

- CIRDAP SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) joint Publication "Community-based Non-Wood Forest Products Enterprise: A Sustainable Business Model"
- Rural Development Report 2016 An Outlook of Rural Income and Poverty in Asia and the Pacific
- Rural Development in CIRDAP Member Countries: Aspiring Stories from Rural Communities

In addition, the 50th Editorial Board Meetings of the Asia-Pacific Journal of Rural Development (APJORD) were taken place at AVS Reddy Conference Hall with a view to selecting articles for the issue of July 2017. Last year, ICD also brought out regular publications and other printing works that included reports/folders/posters for policy body meetings and CMCs which are as follows:

- Four issues of the quarterly CIRDAP Development Digest (CDD 147, 148,149 & 150)
- CIRDAP Aziz-ul Haq Library E-Abstracts (CAL Abstracts) (Two issues of 2017)
- CIRDAP Annual Report 2016
- CIRDAP Calendar 2017
- CIRDAP Diary 2017
- TC-32 Working Paper
- CIRDAP Money Receipt Book
- Report of the 32nd Meeting of the CIRDAP Technical Committee
- CIRDAP Folder and Folders for Policy Body Meetings
- Posters for Policy Body Meetings
- · Divisional and CIRDAP Brochures
- · Invitation Card
- Banners for Programmes
- Branding materials like Cap, T-shirt, Scarf, Crest, Notepads, Pen etc.
- CIRDAP e-News/News@CIRDAP

Last year, all recent CIRDAP news, events and activities were published monthly and disseminated to EC/GC/TC and other stakeholders by email. CIRDAP e-News archive is also available at CIRDAP website.



#### **IT Services and Knowledge Dissemination**

#### **CIRDAP Website:**

CIRDAP has been developing a new website with smart look and more features since last year. In existing CIRDAP website, all recent CIRDAP publications were uploaded. Pictures, news and press releases of latest CIRDAP events as well as announcements were regularly uploaded on the website. The site was visited



by many visitors from around the globe as measured by the site monitor. You may visit the site at www.cirdap.org.

#### InfoRD.org:

CIRDAP has developed its Info Rural Development portal with more features in 2017. It is a repository of information on rural development of CMCs in particular, and in Asia-Pacific region in general. Data, videos



and best practices of CMCs find place here for sharing and learning from each other. This is a collaborative portal and contribution flows from the member countries. Thus, the portal is the knowledge hub of CMCs. You can visit the portal for latest information about rural development at www.inford.org.

#### **ICT Support and Services:**

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) wing of ICD efficiently and sincerely render its services to the centre and its member countries. Regular trouble-shooting work and supply of computer peripherals were maintained without any hindrance through the year. About 50 e-mail accounts of CIRDAP professional are being maintained. An anti-virus server is also being maintained to protect computers from viruses. Network switches and routers are being maintained to provide broadband internet connection to CIRDAP staff. CIRDAP operates its online set-up in collaboration with Google and QUBEE. Video conferencing facilities are provided to different CMCs or CLIs via Skype, as and when required.

#### **Library Services**

CIRDAP Aziz-ul Haq Library (CAL) is a special and resourceful library with holding various books on different issues, particularly on development issues. It receives journals through exchange and complementary basis. Now Library does not subscribe any journals. Library is accessing open e-Journals on rural development and poverty related issues. The main objective of CAL is to connect CIRDAP Member Countries (CMCs) through sharing resources, knowledge and information on integrated rural development and poverty alleviation. During the year of 2017, basic library services were current awareness service, selected dissemination of reference services, bibliography services, photocopy services, reading room services etc. Basic orientations and briefings to distinguished visitors and scholars were provided. Regular library activities (e.g. accessioning of library books and periodicals, process of library materials, entry and update of database, and shelving of books/periodicals/newspapers etc.) were carried out last year. CIRDAP Library has been working on e-Library project, wherein all CIRDAP publications will be uploaded. The following services/activities were also carried out during the year of 2017:

- CAL Newspaper Clippings
- CAL News Alerts" & "CAL Articles Alerts"
- CAL E-Abstract Collection and Compilation
- Publication Exchange Programme
- Collection of Aspiring Stories from Rural Communities in CMCs
- · E-books Collection
- Collecting Free Database & Free Journals
- Directory for Rural Development Experts from CMCs
- Annotated Bibliography on IRD from Bangladesh
- · CAL Internship Programme

#### **Training**

CIRDAP in collaboration with NIRD&PR organized a training programme on Geo-informatics Applications in Rural Development during 21-23 January 2017 at CIRDAP ICT Centre, where a total of 18 Bangladeshi government officials attended. Two resource persons viz. Dr. V Madhava Rao and Dr. Phanindra Kumar from NIRD&PR of India took sessions in the training programme.

# ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE



The main activities of the Administration and Finance Division are to provide administrative support services to the CIRDAP in achieving the Center's objectives in an effective, efficient and economic manner. The services include arranging meetings of the CIRDAP Policy Bodies like Technical Committee (TC), Executive Committee (EC), Governing Council (GC) and implementation of the decisions of the aforementioned meetings related to the administration and financial matters. The Division also responsible to arrange recruitment/separation of staff, extension of tenure/increment of the staff members, procurement and maintenance of office premises/properties/campus and residential accommodation for professional staff members, protocol duties, management of CIRDAP auditorium/cafeteria, liaison with Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Finance, LGRD & Cooperatives, Housing & Public Works and other concerned departments for ensuring all diplomatic facilities and regular maintenance and renovation work of CIRDAP Complex etc. The Division recommends and administers financial policies/procedure and arranges interim and final audit work of the Centre. It prepares annual and biannual Programme Works and Budget (PWB), maintains and records expenditures of different projects and reports in local and foreign currency.

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

During the year of 2017, administrative support, arrangement and services were provided for the following programmes/activities:

- Thirty Second Regular Meeting of CIRDAP Technical Committee (TC-32)
- Thirty First Regular Meeting of CIRDAP Executive Committee (EC-31)
- Twenty First Regular Meeting of CIRDAP Governing Council (GC-21)
- TC-32 Working Committee Meeting
- Personnel Advisory Committee (PAC)
- Protocol Support
- Support to the Procurement Committee (PC)
- Renovation/Maintenance Work
- Transportation Services
- Disposal of Old Materials
- Arrangement for the Foundation Day Programme
- Support Services to the Programme Division
- CIRDAP Auditorium and CICC
- Appointment of Staff Members

#### The following staff members were recruited during 2017:

Category	Name	Designation	Date of Joining
Professional	Ms. Elora Sharmeen	Programme Officer (Training)	19.07.2017
	Mr. Tomasi Vasulailai Raiyawa	Principal Executive Officer/ESU	31.07.2017
	Mr. Wasim Sadab Khan	Finance Officer	24.05.2017
<b>General Service</b>	Ms. Farhana Yasmin	Programme Associate (Training)	26.02.2017
	Ms. Nishat Farzana	Programme Associate (Action Research)	26.02.2017
<b>Short Term</b>	Ms. Rafia Islam	Assistant Administrative Officer	24.08.2017

#### Separation

#### The following staff members were separated from the services during 2017:

Category	Name	Designation	Date of Separation
Professional	Dr. Vasanthi Rajendran	Director (DICD)	19.03.2017
<b>General Service</b>	Mr. Samir Kumar Roy	Sr. Secretary (Training)	01.04.2017
	Mr. Md. Shahadat Hossain	Finance Officer	01.05.2017

#### **Internship Programme**

During this year, following interns completed their internship programme in CIRDAP. The Administration and Finance Division provided necessary support to the interns.

Name	Department/University	Duration of Internship	Assigned Division
Ms. Rafia Islam	Dept: Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Brac University	3 Months	DG's Office
Ms. Umme Habiba Yeasmin	Department of Information Science and Library Management, University of Dhaka	2 Months	Library
Ms. Fatin Nower	Department of Economics, University of Dhaka	3 Months	Training
Ms. Nazmin Sultana	Department of Information Science and Library Management, University of Dhaka	3 Months	Library
Ms. Rumi Akter	Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka	10 Months	DG's Office
Mr. Tanvir Ahmed	Department of CSE, University of Asia Pacific	1 Month	ICD
Mr. Saiful Islam Chowdhury	Department of Finance, University Of Dhaka	1 Month	Finance
Ms. Shabnam Farzana Zerin	Department of HRM, Bangladesh Institute of Management	4 Months	Hr. & Admin
Ms. Sadia Afroz	Department of Government and Politics, Jahangirnagar University	6 Months	Admin & Finance
Ms. Najiba Rashid	Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Khulna University of Engineering and Technology	9 Months	Pilot Projects
Mr. MD. Al-Amin	Department of Geography & Environment, Jagannath University	7 Months	Library
Mr. Md. Rezwanul Haque	Department of Information Science and Library Management, University of Dhaka	6 Months	Library
Ms. Mahjabin Monika	Department of Statistics, Jahangirnagar University	6 Months	Training

#### **FINANCE**

CIRDAP has the following main sources of funds:

- (i) General Fund (Regular contribution from the CMCs for the administrative budget);
- (ii) Trust Fund Grants from the donor countries/agencies for programmatic activities;
- (iii) RCF (Regional Cooperation Fund) Voluntary Contribution of Member Countries for specific programme purposes; and
- (iv) Corpus Fund-Generated from Auditorium and Cafeteria income. Only interest earned is utilized for programme purposes.

#### **Audit of the Accounts**

The audit for the interim Financial Statement of 2016 was conducted by Mr. A.J.L. Wimalaratne, Superintendent of Audit, Auditor General's Department of Sri Lanka during 2017. The auditor also expressed that "The accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the CIRDAP as at 31 December 2016, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and CIRDAP's financial regulations."

The audit of Interim Financial Statement of 2017 and The 19th Biennium will commence shortly.

The unaudited financial report for 2017 has been dropped from 31-34 pages in view of maintaining confidentiality. This confidential report has already been submitted to the policy body of CIRDAP.





CIRDAP Professional and General Staff in 2017				
Name	Designation	Country		
Mr. Tevita G. Boseiwaga Taginavulau	Director General	Fiji		
Dr. Vasanthi Rajendran	Director (DICD) [Separated in March 2017]	India		
Ms. Eva Benita A. Tuzon	Director (Pilot Projects Division)	Philippines		
Mr. Saeed Ahmed Reza	Director (Administration and Finance Division)	Bangladesh		
Mr. Tomasi Vasulailai Raiyawa	Principal Executive Officer/ESU	Fiji		
Ms. Elora Sharmeen	Programme Officer (Training)	Bangladesh		
Mr. Shafiqur Rahman	National Officer (Research)	Bangladesh		
Mr. Md. Shahadat Hossain	Finance Officer (Separated in May 2017)	Bangladesh		
Engr. Md. Waliul Hasnat	Computer Programmer	Bangladesh		
Mr. Safiul Azam	Assistant Protocol Officer	Bangladesh		
Mr. Wasim Sadab Khan	Finance Officer	Bangladesh		
Dr. Usharani Boruah	Librarian	India		
Mr. M. H. Kawsar Rudro	Assistant Information & Communication Officer	Bangladesh		
Mr. Mohammad Abu Saleh Siddique	Publication Assistant	Bangladesh		
Ms. Farhana Yasmin	Programme Associate (Training)	Bangladesh		
Vs. Nishat Farzana	Programme Associate (Action Research)	Bangladesh		
Mr. Samir Kumar Roy	Senior Secretary (Training) [Separated in April 2017]	Bangladesh		
Mr. Deba Datta Chakma	Secretary to DG	Bangladesh		
As. Najma Yeasmin	Personnel Assistant	Bangladesh		
Mr. Shishir Gobinda Saha	Finance Assistant	Bangladesh		
Mr. Minhazul Bari Ahmed	Secretary (ICD)	Bangladesh		
Ms. Aparna Roy	Secretary (Administration and Finance)	Bangladesh		
Mr. Hari Pada Bhowmik	Clerk -Typist	Bangladesh		
Mr. Md. Mustafa Kamal	Typist	Bangladesh		
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Mr. Shankar Ch. Das	Technical Operator	Bangladesh		
Mr. Swapan Kumar Sarker	Machine Operator	Bangladesh		
Mr. Md. Manzoor	Driver	Bangladesh		
Mr. Shimul Barua	Driver	Bangladesh		
Mr. Kallol Barua	Driver	Bangladesh		
Mr. Biplob Kumar Dhar	Driver	Bangladesh		
Mr. Bishu Chandra Das	Janitor	Bangladesh		
Mr. Kazi Sharif Ahmed	Messenger	Bangladesh		
Mr. Md. Jahangir Alam	Bearer -Cook	Bangladesh		
Mr. Sujit Chandra Das	Janitor	Bangladesh		
Mr. Md. Delwar Hossain	Janitor	Bangladesh		
Mr. Martin Dores	Watchman	Bangladesh		
Mr. Md. Abdur Rahman Mollah	Gardener	Bangladesh		
The ribadi Namidi Mendi	Temporary Staff			
Mr. Nazib Niaz	Executive Officer (DGO)	Bangladesh		
Mr. Shahariar Hague	Supervisor (CICC & Auditoriums)	Bangladesh		
Mr. Saiful Islam	Medical Consultant (Part-time)	Bangladesh		
Ms. Bina Khatun	Assistant (Accounts)	Bangladesh		
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Mr. Prodip Kumer Aich	Project Officer ( e-Library)	Bangladesh		
Ms. Rafia Islam	Assistant Administrative Officer	Bangladesh		
Hafez Md. Ataur Rahman	Imam (Part-time)	Bangladesh		
Mr. Md. Monir Hossain	Electrician	Bangladesh		
Mr. Roman Khan	Bearer	Bangladesh		
Ms. Parveen Begum	Cook	Bangladesh		
Иr. Md. Raju Ahmed	Cook	Bangladesh		

### **Abbreviations and Acronyms**

AHKNCRD&M	A Akhtar Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural	MSI	Management System International
AIT	Development and Municipal Administration Asia Institute of Technology	NAETC	Native American Employment and Training Council
ALTA	Agriculture Landlord and Technical Act	NAM SSTC	Non-Aligned Movement South-South Technical
ALTO	Agricultural Landlord and Tenant Ordinance		Cooperation
APERDI	Agricultural Planning Economic and Rural Development	NATP	National Agricultural Technology Project
	Research Institute	NGO	Non-Government Organization
APJORD	Asia-Pacific Journal of Rural Development	NIMSME	National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium
BADC	Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation	NIDD	Enterprise
BARD	Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development	NIRD	National Institute for Rural Development
BIHCP	Basic Integrated Health Care Programme	NLTA	Native Land Trust Act
CAPSA	Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable	NLTB	Native Land Trust Board
CDDO	Agriculture	NLTO	Native Land Trust Ordinance
CBPO	Capacity Building of People's Organization	NSP	National Solidarity Programme
CDCs	Community Development Councils	OTOP	One Tamboon One Product
CICC	CIRDAP International Conference Centre	PA	Poverty Alleviation
CLIs	CIRDAP Link Institutions	PGDRDM	Post-Graduate Diploma in Rural Development
CMCs	CIRDAP Member Countries	PPD	Pilot Projects Division
CVDP	Comprehensive Village Development Programme	PPP	Public Private Partnership
DAE	Department of Agricultural Extension	PRIs	Panchayat Raj Institutions
DFID	Department for International Development	RCCRC	Rice and Cash Crop Research Centre
DFP	Directorate of Field Publicity	RCF	Regional Cooperation Fund
DSCG	Dept. of Samurdhi Commissioner General	RD	Rural Development
EC	Executive Committee Meeting	RDA	Rural Development Academy
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	RGNIYD	Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development
FFS	Farmer's Field School	RRDP	Regional and Rural Development Planning
FPSP	For Profit Private Service Providers	RSC	Rural School Children
GC	Governing Council Meeting	SAIC	SAARC Information Centre
GDP	Gross Domestic Production	SAP	Social Action Programme
GHGs	Green House Gases	SDP	Skill Development Programme
GIS	Geographic Information System	SEARCA	Southeast Asian Regional Centre for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit	SERD	Society for Education and Research Development
HLP	Horizontal Learning Programme	SOCSEA	Sub-Regional Office of CIRDAP in South-East
ICD	Information and Communication Division		Asia
ICT	Information and Communication Technology	TAG	Technical Advisory Group
IEC	Information Education and Communication	TD	Training Division
IJSG	International Jute Study Group	TFNet	Tropical Fruit Network
IPM	Integrated Pest Management	UCV	Unimproved Capital Value
IRD	Integrated Rural Development	UP	Union Parishad
IUs	Implementing Units	USAID	United States Agency for International
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency		Development
LG	Local Government	USM	Universiti Sains Malaysia
MAF	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	VOs	Village Organizations
MoRD	Ministry of Agriculture and Folestry  Ministry of Rural Development	WCARRD	World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural
MoYAS	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports		Development
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