

Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP)

EMPOWERING RURAL TRANSFORMATION THROUGH REGIONAL COOPERATION



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The Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) is an Intergovernmental Regional Organization established in July 1979 through an international agreement lodged with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.

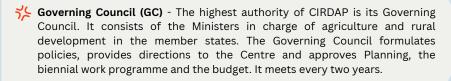
Headquartered at Chameli House, Bangladesh, CIRDAP promotes Integrated Rural Development (IRD) through regional cooperation among its Member States, Link Institutions, and Development Partners. With a vision to become a Centre of Excellence in rural affairs, CIRDAP fosters knowledge exchange, policy support, and capacity building to empower rural communities and drive sustainable development across Asia-Pacific.

CIRDAP currently comprises 15 member countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Fiji, India, Indonesia, IR Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam.

The Mandate of CIRDAP is to provide technical and policy support to ministries and institutions involved in Integrated Rural Development (IRD) by enabling and helping national decision-makers, development practitioners, and planners to exchange ideas and experiences on IRD and to identify areas in which collaborative efforts can be promoted for the mutual benefit of member states.

CIRDAP Policy Bodies: Guiding force behind CIRDAP Services

CIRDAP has three Policy bodies:



Executive Committee (EC) - The Executive Committee comprises the Secretaries/Permanent Secretaries/Secretaries Generals of the Contact Ministries. Its main functions are to review and make recommendations to the Governing Council on matters concerning the management and operation of CIRDAP. It meets every two years back to back Governing Council Meeting.

Fechnical Committee (TC) - The Technical Committee (TC) is an advisory body that meets annually to provide professional input and support for implementing CIRDAP's programmes. It comprises heads of CIRDAP Link Institutions, the FAO Director General or representative, a representative from a non-member donor country, the CIRDAP Director General, and a distinguished expert in Integrated Rural Development (IRD).

🔅 CIRDAP Secretariat

A full-time Director General, selected by the Governing Council for a four-year term is the chief executive of the organization. The work of the Centre is directed by the Director General in accordance with the policy and decisions adopted by the Governing Council under the guidance of the Executive Committee. Under the leadership of Dr. P. Chandra Shekara, Director General of CIRDAP, who is an esteemed professional with over 35 years of experience in Agricultural Extension, Agri-Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Rural Development, and Public-Private Partnerships, the Secretariat plays a crucial role in managing programmes, fostering regional cooperation, and promoting innovative approaches to sustainable rural development.

World Rural Development Day declaration by United Nations General Assembly – Recognition is Responsibility

The United Nations General Assembly has officially recognized 6th July as World Rural Development Day, coinciding with CIRDAP's foundation day. The declaration has been made in recognition of contribution of CIRDAP for strengthening Rural Development in the Asia and Pacific region.

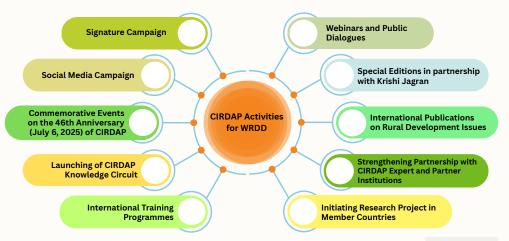


United Nations General Assembly UNGA Adopted the Resolution Proclaiming 6th July (Every Year) as the "World Rural Development Day"

Let's celebrate the World Rural Development Day on 6th of July every year which is the foundation day of CIRDAP

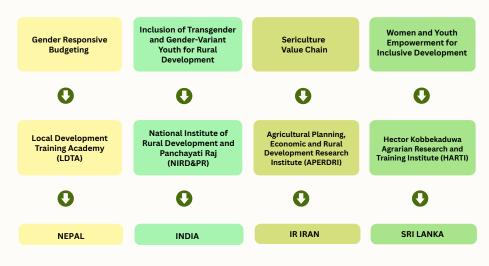


In a significant step towards promoting rural development, CIRDAP has taken a leadership role in global celebrations through:



CIRDAP Research Programmes- In search of Innovative Good Practices by Empowering Rural Communities

CIRDAP has implemented 212 Research and Action Research Projects across its member countries from 1979 to 2025, aligned with its Strategic Plan. Research Projects focus on improving the livelihoods of rural marginalized communities. Ongoing research projects include:



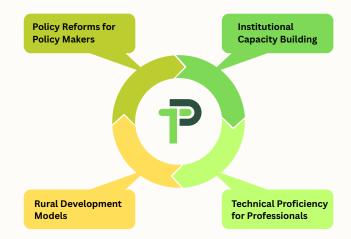
CIRDAP Capacity Building Programmes - Empowering Professionals, Institutions, and Policies to empower Rural Communities

CIRDAP has conducted 255 International Training Programmes, Covering 7,848+ International Executives across member countries. Training Programmes are tailored to Policy Makers, Administrators, Academicians and Rural Development Practitioners. CIRDAP's Recently Completed and Upcoming Training Programmes:

International Training Programme on Rural Tourism Towards Integrated Rural Development Organized by CIRDAP in collaboration with Institute for Rural Advancement (INFRA), in Penang, Malaysia Tri country Design Workshop (Bangladesh-India-Thailand) for Regional Cooperatives Management in Asia and the Pacific, at Thailand in collaboration with Cooperative Promotion Department, Govt. of Thailand CIRDAP and AHKNCRD, Pakistan collaborative International Training programme on "Disaster Management and Climate Change Adaptation" at Islamabad, Pakistan CIRDAP-Ni-msme International Training Programme on 'Micro Enterprises for Rejuvenation of Rural Economy: Policies, Programmes & Learnings' at Ni-msme, Hyderabad, India

CIRDAP Collaborative International Training Programme, with Network for the Development of Agricultural Cooperatives in Asia and the Pacific (NEDAC) on 'Startups, Technology, Entrepreneurship and Partnerships for Vibrant Agri-Cooperatives' in Thailand

"Institutional Innovations in Rural Development: Policies to Practices – Learnings" CIRDAP-NIRD&PR Collaborative International Training cum Exposure Visit Programme on NIRDP&PR, Hyderabad, India



Training Programmes Emphasize:

Trainings are conducted across member countries on a rotational basis through CIRDAP's Link Institutions.

Faculty development is also a strategic priority for CIRDAP. The organization enhances the capacities of its own experts and those of its Link Institutions to improve implementation of IRD Models.

Integrated Rural Development (IRD) Models – Strengthening Systems for Rural Development

A major mandate of CIRDAP is to identify and disseminate IRD models developed through member country initiatives. Key milestones:

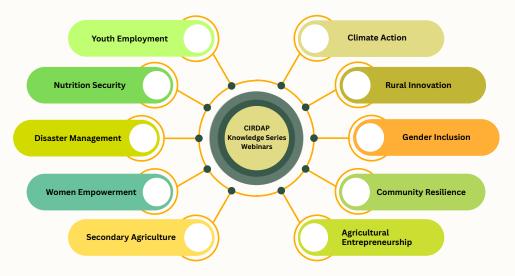


- 12 IRD Models showcased at the CIRDAP Exhibition and Museum on IRD (CEMIRD)
- 32 IRD Models are compiled into a comprehensive Handbook titled "Integrated Rural Development Models of Asia and Pacific Region"
- Disseminated through Social Media Channels and CIRDAP Bulletin regularly.

These models offer pragmatic solutions adapted to local contexts to improve livelihoods and food security.

🔅 CIRDAP Knowledge Series - Webinars

CIRDAP is regularly organizing Webinars by eminent professionals on current relevant issues in Rural Development for the benefit of CIRDAP member countries. Through the CIRDAP Knowledge Series, the organization has hosted 45 high-impact webinars led by global experts on:

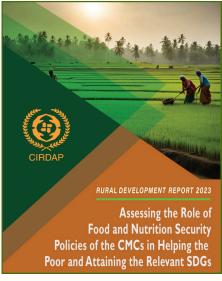




These are accessible to stakeholders across all member countries to encourage policy dialogue and skill exchange. Access recordings on CIRDAP's YouTube Channel. Publication on Policy Implications of Webinars on CIRDAP Member Countries is in Progress.

CIRDAP Publications – Messengers of Change of Rural Life

CIRDAP contributes to the global rural development discourse through:



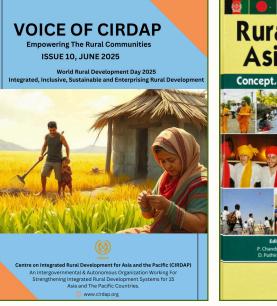
CIRDAP Rural Development Report

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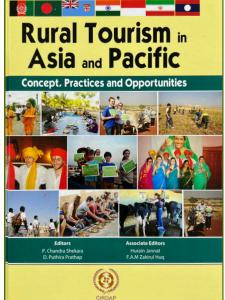
APJORD





Voice of CIRDAP (Monthly E-Bulletin)

Asia-Pacific Journal of Rural Development (APJORD)



Rural Tourism in Asia and Pacific

All Publications reaches over 1.18 lakh stakeholders globally. Additionally, six international publications are in progress to enhance knowledge dissemination.

CIRDAP Experts and Consultancy Services

To address the diverse challenges of rural development across its member countries, CIRDAP has established a dedicated platform to connect and mobilize global expertise—the CIRDAP Experts Network. This initiative brings together a pool of over 100+International Experts from more than 15 nationalities, specializing in various aspects of rural development.



Through its Project Facilitation Centre, CIRDAP offers customized consultancy services tailored to the specific needs of its member countries. These services are developed in close collaboration with MoU partners and Link Institutions, ensuring contextual relevance and alignment with national development priorities. Project implementation is carried out upon the successful acquisition of donor funding, ensuring both sustainability and effectiveness.

To strengthen its technical capacity, CIRDAP maintains a comprehensive Expert Database. Experts from this network actively contribute to:

- Publications, knowledge products, and webinars
- Project formulation, implementation, and evaluation
- Institutional learning and capacity development





CIRDAP has established 62 institutional partnerships through MoUs contributing to rural development initiatives. Partnerships enhance wider research programme implementation, resource sharing, and innovation dissemination through collaborative Training, Research and Advocacy.

Arrow CIRDAP Social Media Outreach

CIRDAP leverages social media platforms to reach a wider audience and share daily messages on our activities and innovations. Our reorganized social media presence ensures effective communication with member countries. CIRDAP has strategically strengthened its presence on digital platforms:



- Facebook: 2.4 lakh + reach through daily messages
- LinkedIn, Twitter: Active dissemination of events and knowledge resources daily
- YouTube Channel: 72 Videos and 42 recorded webinars uploaded, getting popular
- Krishi Jagran Collaboration: 3 million+ views

CIRDAP International Conference Centre (CICC)

CIRDAP International Conference Centre (CICC) is a state-of-the-art venue for:

- International and National Conferences
- Training Workshops
- Official Meetings

Since inception, 2,300+ events have been hosted at CICC with over 2.53 Lakh participants.

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CIRDAP remains committed to enabling Sustainable Rural Development through Innovation, Collaboration and Inclusive Knowledge sharing across Asia and the Pacific.



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CIRDAP MEMBER COUNTRIES







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