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**Dear Partners,**

In the heart of our villages—from the fields of India to the hills of Fiji—true change begins not with policies or projects alone, but with people. Hence, the message is loud: changing practices gives short wins; investing in people builds futures.

Look at our women in Self-Help Groups—over One Hundred Million strong under National Rural Livelihood Mission, India. They don't just learn banking or farming tricks; they gain voice, confidence, leadership. Grameen Bank's mothers in Bangladesh pass on not just loans, but courage across generations. India-Kerala's health workers teach communities to own their wellness—no checklists, just trust and shared care. These are not just programs—they are sparks of agency. When we move from training to lifelong learning, from service delivery to real power, rural hearts beat stronger. Cooperatives in Nepal and Sri Lanka show it too: farmers who once followed orders now steer their own markets, own their seeds, shape their tomorrows. Thanks to the vibrant groups.



And the planet? It's no side story. Climate hits our farms hardest, floods swallow fields, droughts crack soil, cyclones wipe out harvests. Yet every solar pump lighting a Bangladeshi hamlet, every mangrove wall guarding coastal homes, every patch of natural farming brings back balance. These aren't burdens; they create jobs—youth wiring mini-grids, women weaving eco-fabrics for global shelves. Clean energy cuts bills, boosts health, frees us from oil imports. Regenerative fields heal land, lower debt, and feed families better. Disaster readiness? Little money spent on village alerts saves many in rebuild communities bounce back faster, prouder.

Prosperity isn't chasing quick gains. It's regeneration: soil healed, risks lowered, communities leading. Think of eco-textiles from South Asia—fair wages, clean dyes, premium prices. Or community solar lighting schools at night, powering phones, opening doors to online learning. These aren't dreams; they're happening now, quietly turning vulnerability into strength.

So, let's ask: are we still counting attendance sheets? Or are we building leaders? Are we patching floods, or planting mangroves? The rural heartbeat thrives when people feel seen, when land feels cared for. Let us invest wisely—together—on people and planet for Rural Empowerment.

With Warm Wishes

Dr. P. Chandra Shekara
Director General, CIRDAP

HE. Dr. P. Chandra Shekara, Director General of Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), delivered the keynote address at the National Conference on “Transforming Rural Livelihood Landscape in India: Empowering Rural Communities through Investing in People, Planet and Prosperity (3Ps)” held on 19 February 2026 at ICAR–National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM), Hyderabad. The conference was organized by the Institute of Livelihood Research and Training (ILRT) and the Participatory Rural Development Initiatives Society (PRDIS).



In his address, Dr. Shekara highlighted the Asia-Pacific region’s dual reality as a global growth engine and one of the most climate-vulnerable regions. He emphasized that development choices today must be structural, not incremental, given the challenges posed by climate instability, demographic transitions, technological disruption, and fiscal constraints.

Focusing on the 3Ps framework, he underscored that true investment in people goes beyond changing practices to building human capability, agency, and resilience. Citing examples from South Asia, he noted that cooperatives, self-help groups, and community-driven initiatives demonstrate how empowering people leads to sustainable prosperity.



On the planet dimension, he described climate action as an economic imperative rather than an environmental cost. Investments in renewable energy, climate-resilient infrastructure, ecosystem restoration, and eco-friendly enterprises, he noted, generate jobs, enhance energy security, and protect livelihoods.

Addressing prosperity, the DG called for aligning investments with long-term value through green MSMEs, clean energy, natural farming, and disaster risk management.

He stressed that shifting from extraction to regeneration and from risk accumulation to risk reduction is essential for resilient and inclusive rural transformation.

The keynote reaffirmed CIRDAP’s commitment to advancing integrated development strategies that place people, planet, and prosperity at the center of rural transformation in the Asia-Pacific region.



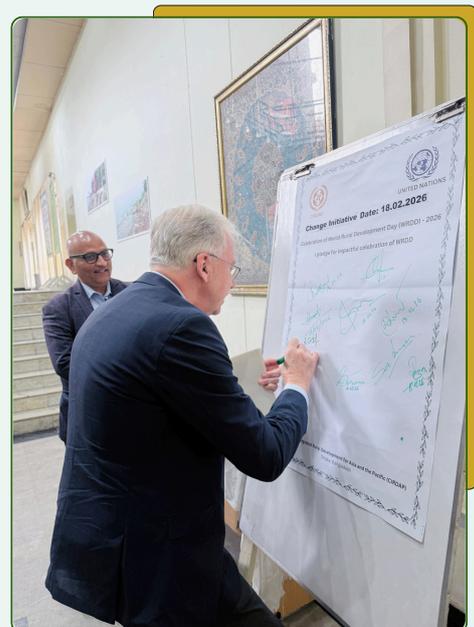
CIRDAP warmly welcomed Dr. Daniel Gustafson, Special Representative of the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Rome, to its Headquarters at Chameli House on 22 February 2026. The visit reinforced the strong partnership and shared commitment to advancing sustainable rural development in the Asia Pacific region.



During the visit, Dr. Gustafson had a courtesy meeting with H.E. Dr. P. Chandra Shekara, Director General of CIRDAP. Discussions focused on enhancing collaboration and exploring new opportunities to address emerging rural development challenges through joint initiatives.

He met with key staff members and received a comprehensive briefing from the Director Research on CIRDAP's ongoing programmes and research initiatives. His valuable insights highlighted shared priorities and potential synergies toward building a resilient and sustainable future for rural communities in the region.

He visited the CIRDAP Library and the International Conference Centre and appreciated the organization's efforts in promoting knowledge exchange and regional dialogue. Dr. Gustafson also signed the World Rural Development Day poster in support of global rural advocacy and officially launched CIRDAP's new publication on Integrated Rural Development and South South Learnings. The publication presents key insights from forty thematic webinars covering critical areas including food security, climate resilience, gender equality, digital transformation, inclusive governance, entrepreneurship, health systems and disaster preparedness.



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On 24 February 2026, CIRDAP launched a Three-day International Online Training program on Climate Risks and Risk-sensitive Planning for Sustainable and Resilient Agri-Food Systems in Asia and the Pacific. More than 400 participants representing 20 countries are taking part in the program. Policymakers, Researchers, Academicians, and Development Practitioners are actively engaging in the sessions, fostering knowledge exchange, shared experiences, and best practices in Climate Risk Management.



In the inaugural address, H.E. Dr. P. Chandra Shekara, Director-General of CIRDAP emphasized that the Asia-Pacific Region faces mounting Climate-related hazards that threaten Agriculture, Rural livelihoods, and Food Security.

International Online Training Program on Climate Risks, Risk-sensitive Planning for Sustainable and Resilient Agri-food Systems in Asia and the Pacific

RISK-INFORMED PLANNING IN AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

CONCEPT, IMPERATIVE,
THEORIES AND PRACTICES

Pashupati Chaudhary, PhD
International Expert,
Climate-Resilient Agriculture

24 February 2026

Dr. Shekara underscored the importance of promoting Cooperatives, FPOs by mainstreaming Climate Risk Management, strengthening capacities of stake holders to build Sustainable and Resilient rural economies. The program is jointly designed and coordinated by Dr. Uttam Babu Shrestha, International Climate Change Expert, and Dr. Ganga Dutta Acharya, Director (Research), CIRDAP.

Widespread impacts of climate change

Observed widespread and substantial impacts and related losses and damages attributed to climate change

● Adverse impacts ● Adverse and positive impacts ● Climate-driven changes observed, no global assessment of impact direction

Confidence in attribution to climate change: ●●● High or very high ●● Medium ● Low

●●● Physical water availability	●●● Agriculture/ Crop production	●●● Animal health & productivity	●●● Fisheries yields & aquaculture production	●●● Infectious diseases	●●● Heat, malnutrition harm from wildfire	●●● Mental health	●●● Displacement
●●● Inland flooding & associated damages	●●● Flood/Storm induced damages in coastal areas	●●● Damages to infrastructure	●●● Damages to key economic sectors	●●● Terrestrial ecosystems	●●● Freshwater ecosystems	●●● Ocean ecosystems	

Health and Well being – Adverse impacts
Biodiversity and ecosystems – CC change impact observed but no global assessment of impact direction
Cities, settlements, and infrastructure – Adverse impacts
Water availability and food production – Adverse and positive impacts

IPCC (2022)

- Are you part of a transformative rural initiative in the Asia-Pacific?
- Has your innovation uplifted a village, empowered a community, or sparked sustainable change in rural areas?
- Do you know of a rural innovation that has uplifted a village, empowered a community, or sparked transformative change in rural lives?

Calling the innovative solutions in Rural Development from all Changemakers from Asia and the Pacific Countries!

👉 **CIRDAP** and **REEDS** proudly present the **International Rural Development Innovation Challenge 2026** — a platform to showcase rural innovations from across the Asia-Pacific region. This is your chance to amplify local impact on a global stage.

Challenge Overview

- The challenge seeks impactful innovations addressing rural issues like poverty, inequality, climate change, and limited access to services.
- Participants can include community leaders, NGOs, startups, and individuals from CIRDAP member countries.



The banner features the CIRDAP and REEDS logos at the top. The main title is "CIRDAP - REEDS International Rural Development Innovation Challenge 2026" with the tagline "ONE INNOVATION. ENDLESS CHANGE. COUNTLESS SMILES". Below this, it says "Tell us about a Rural Innovation that has empowered and inspired a village or community and brought a transformative change to rural lives." There are three callout boxes: "Selected Top 5 Innovations will be awarded with USD 500 & Certificate Each!", "Next 10 Impactful Ideas Certificate of Appreciation", and "Features in a BOOK & Attend to International Conference". At the bottom, it states "Last Date of Submission : 31st May, 2026" and provides contact information: "Contact: Ms. Hurain Jannat, Communication Officer, CIRDAP | Email: communication_officer@cirdap.org".

- The initiative aims to recognize and reward outstanding innovations that can transform rural livelihoods.

🏆 Awards & Recognition:

- 🏆 **Top 5 Innovations:** USD 500 + Certificate
- 🏆 **Next 10 Impactful Ideas:** Certificate of Appreciation
- 📖 **Featured in a Book + Invitation to an International Conference**

Application Process:

- Proposals (up to 5 pages) can be submitted in any language, including high-resolution photos and evidence of impact.
- Include impact evidence, visuals and video byte on proposed innovation
- Please find the brochure containing the details for submitting proposals.

<https://cirdap.org/CIRDAP-International-Rural-Development-Innovation-Challenge-2026-brochure>

Share your innovation at Email: communication_officer@cirdap.org

WhatsApp: +880 1741 589228

📅 **Last Date of Submission:** 31st May 2026

Let's celebrate rural wisdom — **One Innovation. Endless Change. Countless Smiles**

Empowering Local Governments through Gender Responsive Budgeting-Nepal Experience

Monday, February 2, 2026
11:00 AM (Bangladesh time)
10:45 AM (Nepal Time)
[Click here for zoom link](#)

**Honorable Speaker
Mr. Jaya Krishna Shrestha**
Director, Local Development Training Academy (LDTA), Nepal

**Honorable Speaker
Ms. Nigma Tamrakar**
Consultant, Local Development Training Academy (LDTA), Nepal

Organized by CIRDAP
Venue: Virtual
Via Zoom Conference
Coordinator: Ms. Hurain Jannat
communication_officer@cirdap.org

CIRDAP successfully organized Knowledge Series Webinar 51 on “Empowering Local Governments through Gender-Responsive Budgeting: Nepal Experience” on 2 February 2026, in collaboration with the Local Development Training Academy (LDTA), Nepal, the esteemed link institute of CIRDAP.

The webinar showcased key outcomes of the CIRDAP–LDTA project, highlighting how gender-responsive budgeting, aligned with Nepal’s GRB Guideline 2077, supports gender equality, social inclusion, and equitable allocation of public resources at the local level.

The session shared valuable field-level experiences and lessons learned from local governments in Nepal, emphasizing the role of GRB in strengthening women’s participation and inclusive development. Capacity-building initiatives conducted by LDTA for elected representatives and officials of Modi Rural Municipality, Sunwal Municipality, and Gramthan Rural Municipality were also highlighted.

The webinar featured insightful presentations by Mr. Jaya Krishna Shrestha, Director, LDTA, Nepal, and Ms. Nigma Tamrakar, Consultant (LDTA) on Gender, Social Inclusion and Women Empowerment. The session was chaired by H.E. Dr. P. Chandra Shekara, Director General of CIRDAP, with active participation from experts and representatives of CIRDAP Member Countries, making it an engaging and informative discussion.



CIRDAP and KhetiValah Sign Memorandum of Understanding to Strengthen Knowledge-Driven Rural Development



The Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) and Haladhari’s KhetiValah Foundation & Haladhari Communications Private Limited (KhetiValah) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 23 February 2026, marking an important step toward strengthening cooperation in agriculture, integrated rural development, and knowledge dissemination across the Asia-Pacific region.

The MoU aims to promote collaborative programmes, capacity building, policy dialogue, and the exchange of best practices through platforms such as KhetiValah Global Agri Magazine and KhetiValah Dialogues (AgriTalks). Through this partnership, both institutions will work together on training programmes, workshops, webinars, dialogue sessions, and joint publications to support sustainable agriculture, rural livelihoods, and evidence-based development policies in CIRDAP Member Countries.



The MoU was signed on behalf of CIRDAP by Mr. FAM Zakirul Huq, Head of Administration, and on behalf of KhetiValah by Mr. Lakshman K, Founder & CEO. The signing ceremony was honoured by the presence of His Excellency Dr. P. Chandra Shekara, Director General of CIRDAP, along with representatives from both organisations. This collaboration reflects CIRDAP’s continued commitment to fostering regional and global knowledge partnerships that contribute to inclusive, sustainable, and integrated rural development.



In a significant move toward enhancing regional agricultural synergy, Dr. Swati Nayak, the 2023 recipient of the prestigious Norman E. Borlaug Award for Field Research and Application, visited the CIRDAP headquarters on February 23, 2026.

Dr. Nayak, who serves as the South Asia Lead for Seed Systems and Product Management at the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), was accompanied by Dr. Muhammad Ashraf Habib, Lead Specialist at IRRI Dhaka. The delegation engaged in a high level strategic dialogue with the Director General of CIRDAP, H.E. Dr. P. Chandra Shekara in a meeting facilitated by Dr Venkatamallu Thadaboina, Programme Officer – Learning, CIRDAP.



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The discussion focused on fostering collaboration to empower rural communities through capacity building, research, technology dissemination, and policy support. Drawing upon his extensive experience in India, the Director General shared valuable insights on integrated rural development models and institutional innovations that have strengthened grassroots agricultural systems.



The visit marked an important step towards strengthening institutional partnerships and promoting innovative models that contribute to sustainable agriculture, improved livelihoods, and resilient rural economies across the region.

The Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), in partnership with Nepal's Local Development Training Academy (LDTA), implemented a capacity development initiative to strengthen elected representatives and officials in **Gender-Responsive Budgeting (GRB)**. The project helped align local planning and budgets with the Gender-Responsive Budgeting Guideline, 2077, which ensures gender equality is incorporated into planning, budgeting, and program implementation.

Participants

- **117 participants** from:
 - **Modi Rural Municipality**
 - **Sunwal Municipality**
 - **Gramthan Rural Municipality**
- Included: Mayors/Chairpersons, Deputy Mayors/Vice-Chairpersons, Chief Administrative Officers, Ward Chairpersons, Executive Members, Section Chiefs, and technical staff.
- Ensured cross-institutional engagement between political and administrative wings.

Key Outcomes

Knowledge Gains:

- Average learning improvement: 4.19 points (pre- vs post-test)
- Sunwal Municipality achieved highest evaluation: 85.23%

Institutional Engagement:

- Strong participation from both political and administrative wings
- Strengthened ownership of GRB processes

Challenges

- Limited technical capacity to implement GRB independently
- Non-mandatory compliance leads to inconsistent application
- GRB coding and classification system is complex

Lessons Learned

- **Simplification is key:** Guidelines must be practical and user-friendly
- **Incentives matter:** Linking GRB compliance to performance improves adherence
- **Multi-sectoral inclusion:** NGO and private sector budgets should be gradually included

Policy Recommendations

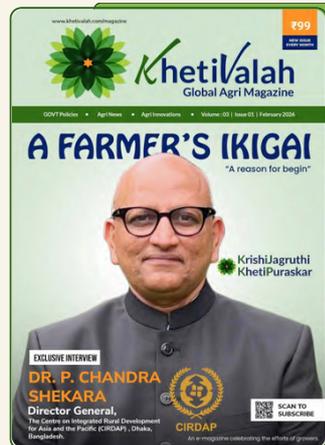
1. Revise GRB guidelines to be simplified and practical
2. Institutionalize GRB in the annual budget cycle
3. Link GRB compliance to performance assessments and federal grants
4. Establish Local GRB Implementation Committees
5. Expand GRB coverage to NGO-funded programs and private sector initiatives

Conclusion

Targeted capacity development enhances local readiness for GRB implementation. Sustainable institutionalization requires policy reinforcement, simplified tools, and incentive-based compliance. Strengthening GRB at the local level is a vital step toward gender equality, inclusive governance, and equitable development in Nepal.

RDAP is honoured to be prominently featured in the February 2026 issue of the KhetiValah Global Agri E-Magazine. This special edition features the Honourable Director General of CIRDAP, Dr. P. Chandra Shekara, on the cover.

In an exclusive cover story interview, Dr. Shekara shares his strategic roadmap for rural transformation, regional cooperation, and the future of inclusive agricultural development across the Asia Pacific region.



The magazine also covers the CIRDAP Book Launching Ceremony on “Integrated Rural Development Models in the Asia-Pacific Region”, showcasing CIRDAP’s continued efforts in knowledge sharing and regional learning.

We encourage farmers, students, researchers, and agriculture professionals to read and follow KhetiValah Global Agri Magazine across its platforms and share it within their networks.

Read the full magazine via the links below:

<https://cirdap.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/KhetiValah-Global-Agri-Magazine-Feb-2026.pdf>

CIRDAP Knowledge Series 52 Webinar on Strengthening Last Mile Delivery through Agri Entrepreneurship

CIRDAP successfully hosted Knowledge Series Webinar 52, titled “Strengthening the Last Mile Delivery Ecosystem through Agri Entrepreneurship Models in Villages of Asia and Africa” on 16 February 2026.

The session delved into how local entrepreneurs are becoming the vital link in the “last mile” delivery ecosystem, ensuring that essential agricultural services, technology, and market access reach even the most remote areas. By fostering these grassroots business models, we aren’t just improving farming efficiency; we are revitalizing entire village economies.

Key Highlights from the Session

- **Bridging the Gap:** Agri-entrepreneurs act as essential intermediaries who bring innovation and logistics to the farm gate.
- **Empowering Communities:** Moving from subsistence farming to business-oriented models creates sustainable livelihoods for rural youth and women.
- **Policy & Practice:** Insights from the International Finance Corporation (IFC) showcased practical field experiences that can be scaled across CIRDAP Member Countries.

The featured speaker, Mr Rahul Arun Tidake, Consultant at the Global Agri Entrepreneurship Academy of the International Finance Corporation IFC, shared practical models, field experiences, and policy relevant insights drawn from diverse country contexts.



The session was chaired by H E Dr. P Chandra Shekara, Director General of CIRDAP and participation from experts and representatives of CIRDAP Member Countries, making it an engaging and insightful discussion.

CIRDAP continues to promote knowledge exchange and innovative approaches to advance rural development across the region.

The Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), launched in 2008, is Pakistan's largest social protection initiative and a transformative example of rural innovation. Established to provide financial assistance to the most vulnerable populations, particularly women, BISP has evolved from a basic cash assistance scheme into a technology driven and data informed social protection system that supports rural resilience and inclusive growth.

One of the most significant innovations introduced by BISP is its scientific targeting system. Through a Poverty Scorecard based on a Proxy Means Test approved by the World Bank, beneficiary identification became evidence based rather than politically influenced. In partnership with the National Database and Registration Authority, BISP developed the National Socio Economic Registry, a comprehensive database created through nationwide door to door surveys. This registry enables accurate identification of deserving households, particularly in remote rural areas. The introduction of biometric verification for payments further strengthened transparency and reduced fraud, demonstrating how digital innovation can enhance rural governance.



Financial inclusion is another pillar of BISP's rural innovation. Through the Kafaalat program, quarterly cash transfers are delivered directly to women from low income households. This direct transfer system not only reduces poverty but also enhances women's participation in household decision making. By placing financial resources in the hands of women, BISP contributes to social transformation in rural communities where women traditionally have limited economic authority.

BISP has also expanded its focus from income support to human capital development. The Benazir Taleemi Wazaif program encourages school enrollment and attendance, especially for girls, by providing additional financial incentives to families. This initiative addresses educational disparities and promotes long term rural development. Similarly, the Nashonuma program supports pregnant and lactating mothers and young children by providing financial assistance and nutrition awareness. By investing in education and health, BISP strengthens the foundation for sustainable rural progress.

With a nationwide administrative network covering all provinces, BISP ensures outreach even in remote villages. Continuous improvements in digital systems, data management, and service delivery reflect the government's commitment to transparency and efficiency.

The Benazir Income Support Programme represents a powerful model of rural innovation. By integrating financial inclusion, digital systems, women's empowerment, and human capital investment, BISP moves beyond traditional welfare approaches. It not only provides immediate relief to vulnerable families but also builds long term resilience and opportunity in rural Pakistan.

Attention To The CIRDAP EXPERTS

CIRDAP would like to seek the support of the CIRDAP Experts for their greater involvement in enriching the lives of Rural Communities on CIRDAP platform.

Experts are invited to contribute in the following ways:

1. Provide updated information as indicated below. This reply will be treated as Experts renewed interest in CIRDAP Activities:

Name, Designation, Office, Contact detail, Photo, Country, No. of years of Experience, Areas of Expertise in Integrated Rural Development (Mention only FIVE important areas) and Complete CV.

2. A monthly e-bulletin 'Voice of CIRDAP' has been started by CIRDAP which is reaching 1.18 lakh stakeholders covering member countries every month. Experts are requested to give at least one Innovation on Rural Development with good photos in not more than one page for publication.

3. Please provide 2-3 minutes video on any innovation, experience in Rural Development which would be added to newly created CIRDAP YouTube Channel.

4. CIRDAP will be very happy to process/forward any of your national/International projects on Rural Development to funding agencies through **Project Facilitation Centre of CIRDAP**. If approved, the project will be led by the expert who prepare the project.

You are requested to send all the above information to Dr. Venkatamallu Thadaboina, Program Officer (Learning) and CIRDAP Email: po_learning@cirdap.org



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The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared the date of 6 July as the World Rural Development Day, which is also the foundation day of Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), as a recognition of the organizations significant role in sustainable rural development endeavors in its member states in the Asia-Pacific region. The World Rural Development Day will be celebrated every 6 July as to inform and to remind everyone on his/her role and responsibility for collaborative actions on integrated rural development to meet the Sustainable Development Goals.

From the original six members, CIRDAP has now grown up as a Centre of 15 member countries. The member-countries are Afghanistan, Bangladesh (Host Country), Fiji, India, Indonesia, IR Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

The main objectives of CIRDAP are to:

- Assist National Action;
- Promote Regional Cooperation;
- and Act as a servicing institution for its member countries for promotion: Integrated Rural Development (IRD) through Research, Action Research, Pilot Project, Training, and Information Dissemination. Amelioration of Rural Poverty in the Asia-Pacific region has been the prime concern of CIRDAP.

The programme priorities of CIRDAP are set under four Areas of Concern:

- Agrarian Development;
- Institutional/ Infrastructural;
- Resource development, including human resources;
- Employment.

Within these Areas of Concern, the thematic areas identified are: Poverty alleviation through participatory approaches with emphasis on social sector development (e.g. Health, Education and Nutrition); Employment generation through Microcredit support, Infrastructure Development and Local resource mobilisation; Gender issues; Governance issues; and Environmental concerns for Sustainable Rural Development.

Operating through designated 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.

Voice of CIRDAP – Monthly E-Bulletin of CIRDAP

Voice of CIRDAP (VoC) is a monthly newsletter published by CIRDAP. The purpose of the VoC is to highlight various facets of IRD in the Asia-Pacific region and activities of CIRDAP with stakeholders.

The designations employed and the presentation of materials in VoC do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of CIRDAP concerning the legal status of any country, city or area, or of its authorities or boundaries. News items, viewpoints on IRD and related issues are welcome. All correspondence should be addressed to the Editor.



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