



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



Empowering Rural Transformation through Regional Cooperation



CIRDAP is an Intergovernmental Organization Dedicated to
Strengthen Rural Development Systems across Asia and the Pacific

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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:

❁ **Governing Council (GC)** - The highest authority of CIRDAP is its Governing Council. It consists of the Ministers in charge of agriculture and rural development in the member states. The Governing Council formulates policies, provides directions to the Centre and approves Planning, the biennial work programme and the budget. At present, the Council is composed of 15 members representing all member states. It meets every two years.

❁ **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.

❁ **Technical 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

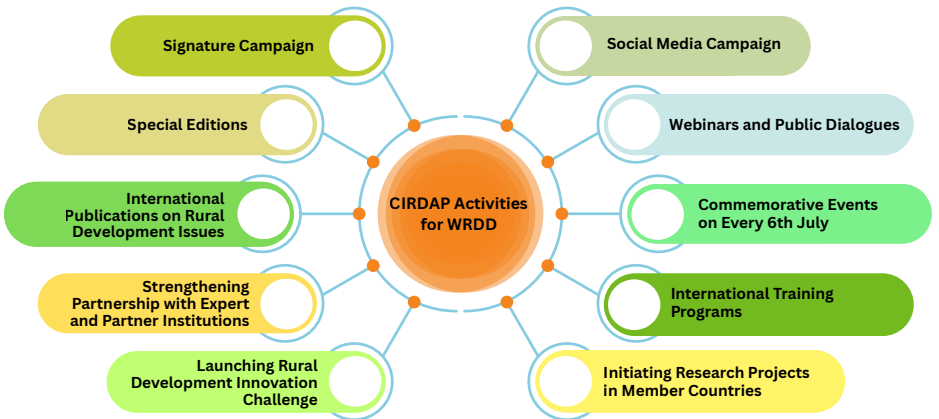
A full-time Director General, selected by the Governing Council for a four-year term is the chief executive of the organization. The work of the Centre is directed by the Director General in accordance with the policy and decisions adopted by the Governing Council under the guidance of the Executive Committee. Under the leadership of Dr. P. Chandra Shekara, Director General of CIRDAP, who is an esteemed professional with over 36 years of experience in Rural Development, Agricultural Extension, Agri-Entrepreneurship, Agricultural Marketing, 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 declared 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.



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








215

Research and Action Research Projects

15

Member Countries

Since its establishment, CIRDAP has implemented research and action research projects across its member countries, aligned with successive Strategic Plans, with a sustained focus on improving the livelihoods of rural marginalized communities. CIRDAP's recent and ongoing research projects include:

Lao PDR		Local Governance Transformation in Houaphan Province Department of Agriculture and Environment (DAE)
Bangladesh		Best Practices in Rural Development Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD)
Nepal		Gender Responsive Budgeting in Nepal Local Development Training Academy (LDTA)
India		Inclusion of Transgender and Gender-Variant Youth for Rural Development National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR)
IR Iran		Sericulture Value Chain in IR Iran Agricultural Planning, Economic and Rural Development Research Institute (APERDRI)
Sri Lanka		Women and Youth Empowerment for Inclusive Development in Sri Lanka Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute (HARTI)
Global		Developing a Global Model Framework for National Aquaculture Investment Plan (NAIP) Lessons from Asia (In Collaboration with Food and Agriculture Organization)

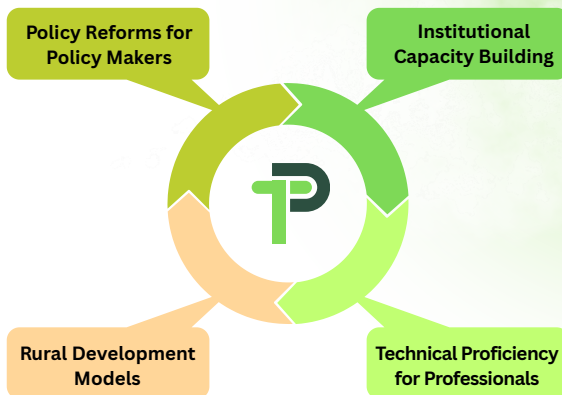
CIRDAP Capacity Building Programs - Empowering Professionals, Institutions and Policies to Empower Rural Communities

CIRDAP has conducted international training programs across its member countries, reaching executives from government, academia, and the development sector. These programs are tailored to the needs of policy makers, administrators, academicians, and rural development practitioners.

352
International
Training Programs

8,447
International
Executives Trained

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.

Recent Training Programmes of CIRDAP

CIRDAP in Collaboration with NIRDPR, International Training Programme on "Community-Driven Approaches to Sustainable Rural Livelihoods", NIRDPR, Hyderabad, India.

CIRDAP in Collaboration with NIRDPR, International Training Programme on "Building Resilient Rural Communities in a Changing Climate", NIRDPR, Hyderabad, India.

CIRDAP in Collaboration with NIRDPR International Training Programme on "Geo-Informatics Applications in Rural Development", NIRDPR, Hyderabad, India.

CIRDAP in Collaboration with FAO, Workshop on "Developing a Global Model Framework for National Aquaculture Investment Plan (NAIP): Lessons from Asia", Jakarta, Indonesia

International Online Training Programme on "Climate Risks and Risk-Sensitive Planning for Sustainable and Resilient Agri-Food Systems in Asia and the Pacific".

CIRDAP in Collaboration with BARD, Training Programme on "Leadership Development for Strengthening Rural Cooperatives", Cumilla, Bangladesh.

CIRDAP Knowledge Circuit 3, Focusing on "Rural Development Policies, Programmes, Institutions, Innovations, and the Impact of Myanmar", Yangon, Myanmar.

Online Training Programme on "Application of Artificial Intelligence Tools at the Workplace".

CIRDAP in Collaboration with Institute for Rural Advancement (Infra), International Training Programme on "Rural Tourism Towards Integrated Rural Development", Penang, Malaysia.

CIRDAP in Collaboration with Cooperative Promotion Department of Govt. of Thailand, "Tri Country Training Design Workshop (Bangladesh-India-Thailand) for Regional Cooperatives Management in Asia and the Pacific", Bangkok, Thailand.

CIRDAP in Collaboration with AHKNCRD, International Training programme on "Disaster Management and Climate Change Adaptation", Islamabad, Pakistan.

CIRDAP in Collaboration with Ni-m sme, International Training Programme on "Micro Enterprises for Rejuvenation of Rural Economy: Policies, Programmes & Learnings", Hyderabad, India.

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

CIRDAP in Collaboration with NIRDPR International Training cum Exposure Visit Programme on "Institutional Innovations in Rural Development: Policies to Practices – Learnings", Hyderabad, India

CIRDAP in Collaboration with SAARC, International Online Training Program on "Redefining Women's Roles in Agri-Food Systems in the Asia-Pacific Region".

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

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

12
IRD Models Showcased at CIRDAP

32
IRD Models in the Comprehensive Handbook

100
Best Practices from Asia and Pacific



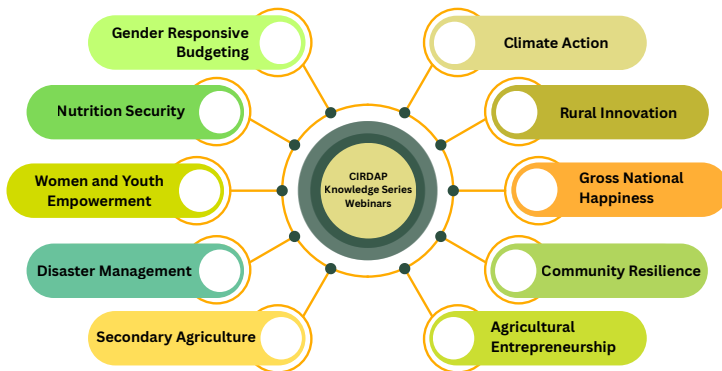
These models offer pragmatic solutions adapted to local contexts to improve livelihoods and food security. These are regularly disseminated through CIRDAP’s social media channels and CIRDAP Bulletin.

❖ CIRDAP Knowledge Series – Webinars

68
High-Impact Webinars

3,363
Participants

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 68 high-impact webinars led by global experts on:





These webinars are accessible to stakeholders across all member countries to encourage policy dialogue and skill exchange. Access recordings on CIRDAP's YouTube Channel. The publication on the policy implications of webinars conducted in CIRDAP Member Countries has been published.

CIRDAP Publications – Messengers of Change of Rural Life

Since its inception, CIRDAP has published a wide range of knowledge resources on integrated rural development, circulated extensively to stakeholders across the Asia-Pacific region and beyond. These publications reflect CIRDAP's enduring commitment to knowledge dissemination and its contribution to the global rural development discourse.



CIRDAP contributes to the global rural development discourse through publications to enhance knowledge dissemination.



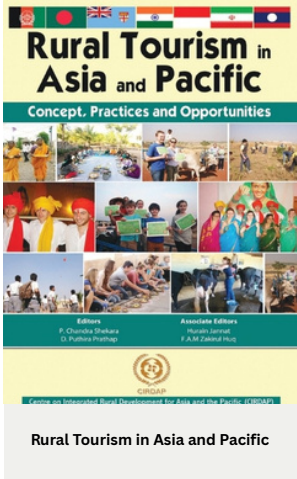
Asia-Pacific Journal of Rural Development (APJORD)



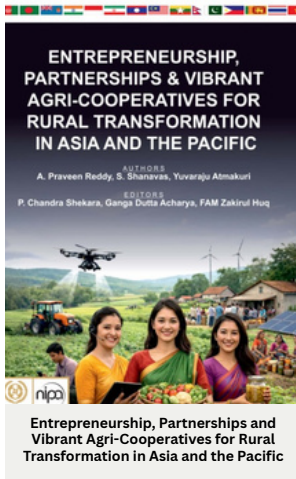
CIRDAP Rural Development Report



Voice of CIRDAP (Monthly E-Bulletin)



Rural Tourism in Asia and Pacific



Entrepreneurship, Partnerships and Vibrant Agri-Cooperatives for Rural Transformation in Asia and the Pacific



Integrated Rural Development In Asia And The Pacific South - South Learnings

❁ CIRDAP Experts and Consultancy Services

To address the diverse challenges of rural development across its member countries, CIRDAP has established the CIRDAP Experts Network – a dedicated platform to connect and mobilize global expertise in support of integrated rural development

INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS

126
From more than 15 nationalities

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



Project Facilitation Centre (PFC)

The CIRDAP Project Facilitation Centre serves as a forward-looking platform that empowers MoU partners, development organizations, and expert collaborators to design and drive innovative rural development initiatives across member countries. By mobilizing resources, strengthening stakeholder capacity, and offering customized consultancy services, the Centre transforms ideas into impactful actions for inclusive and sustainable rural growth across the Asia-Pacific region. As on date 90 Research projects are under consideration.

36 Active Institutional Partnerships through MoUs

Partnerships enhance wider research programme implementation, resource sharing, and innovation dissemination through collaborative Training, Research and Advocacy.

 AARDO African-Asian Rural Development Organization	 WORLD AGRICULTURE FORUM	 SFIDA	 Sage
 Nepal Farmers Advisory Council (NFAC) Pvt. Ltd.	 KJ KRISHI JAGRAN		 INTERNATIONAL FOOD POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE IFPRI
 GIAN	 Pacific Islands Development Forum	 Agri-Entrepreneurship	 APAARI
 Rural Development Society REEDS' Improving Rural Life An ISIRIO 9001:2015 Certified Organization	 World Cooperation Economic Forum	 RAY Consulting	 ni-msme
 OMISA FOUNDATION EMPOWERING WOMEN TO THRIVE	 BIID Bilateral Investment and Trade		 NETWORK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
 राष्ट्रीय सहकारी विकास निगम NCDC Enabling Cooperatives, always! सहकारीको विकास हो सबैको!	 KLRI KOREA LEGISLATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE	 SAARC SOUTH ASIAN ASSOCIATION FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION	 INTERNATIONAL LAND COALITION ASIA
 BSREA BANGLADESH SUSTAINABLE AND RENEWABLE ENERGY ASSOCIATION	 國立中興大學 National Chung Hsing University	 ANSAB Rich Biodiversity and Prosperous Communities	 care
 SEAMEO SEARCHA	 GLAD GREEN LIFE ALLIANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT	 Centre for Disability in Development Bringing hope, dignity and meaning to life	
 DAKSHIN Nepal's Centre of Excellence	 Khetivalah Connecting Farmers to the Market	 Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University	

CIRDAP-REEDS International Rural Development Innovation Challenge 2026

“One Innovation – Endless Change – Countless Smiles.”

- CIRDAP, in collaboration with the Rural Economic and Educational Development Society (REEDS), has launched the Rural Development Innovation Challenge to identify, recognize, and promote proven rural innovations with measurable impact and strong replication potential across CIRDAP’s 15 member countries in Asia and the Pacific.
- A total of 187 innovations were received from 13 CIRDAP Member Countries. To ensure a rigorous evaluation process, a dedicated jury committee has been constituted to assess all submitted innovations based on key criteria, including impact, scalability, and sustainability.

187 Innovations Received

An International jury committee to evaluate against criteria of impact, scalability, and sustainability.



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

3 Million Reach

Through daily messages

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

132 Videos

Including webinars, increasing popularity

LINKEDIN & TWITTER

Active Daily

Dissemination of events and knowledge resources

KRISHI JAGRAN

3 Million+ Views

Collaboration for wider rural outreach

CIRDAP International Conference Centre (CICC)

CICC is a state-of-the-art venue for International and National Conferences, Training Workshops, and Official Meetings.

2,612+
Events Hosted Since Inception



2.80 Lakh
Participants at CICC

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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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