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When the Himalayas Speak: Lessons from Nepal natural disaster for CIRDAP Members

Dear Partners,

On the morning of twenty-six August, a section of glacier on the north face of Langtang Li rung — at about seventeen thousand feet — gave way. It fell more than a kilometer, registered as a magnitude 5.2 seismic event, and sent a wall of water, ice and debris down the Lhende Khola into the Bhotekoshi and then the Trishuli. The surge crossed from Tibet into Nepal in minutes. River gauges were destroyed before they could alert anyone, fourteen hundred dead and over six thousand missing, nearly 1.6 million people were affected. Roads, bridges, hydropower tunnels and entire villages were swept away. This was not a monsoon disaster. It was a cryospheric one — and it is a warning for every mountain and river system in our region. Rural communities pay more than anyone else.



Four lessons stand out for the Asia-Pacific.

First, monitor the mountains, not just the rivers. River gauges are the last line of defense, and they are the first to be destroyed. We need satellite surveillance, high-altitude sensors and inventories of the tens of thousands of glacial lakes across the Hindu Kush Himalaya and the Pacific islands. The Hindu Kush Himalaya alone holds risks that no single country can map alone.

Second, share data across borders before the disaster, not after. Borders do not stop disasters. Hazards do not respect frontiers. Countries are yet to formalize alerts that should have existed years ago. Bilateral deals are not enough when major powers sit upstream. Regional frameworks must evolve into real-time sharing of glacier, dam and hydrological data, rather than treating information as geopolitical leverage.

Third, stop building on yesterday's floodplains. Settlements, roads and hydropower plants were sited for rainfall patterns that no longer hold. High-mountain temperatures are rising at roughly twice the global average, and permafrost is thawing. Eco-zonation must govern new infrastructure, with strict buffer zones along volatile river corridors and a halt to construction in high-risk stream reaches.

Fourth, move from rescue to anticipation. Community drills, clear evacuation routes, and funding that arrives before the flood — anticipatory action — save lives in a way that post-disaster relief never can. The countries that prepare now will lose far fewer lives when the next event comes.

Three priorities follow directly from the Nepal experience are Identification of the dangerous lakes, Installing the alarms and enforcing the buffer zones. These three are not expensive in the way rescue operations are. They are investments that pay for themselves the first time a glacier lets go and the warning actually reaches someone who can move.

With Warm Wishes

Dr. P. Chandra Shekara
Director General, CIRDAP



CIRDAP is pleased to announce the 15 winners of the CIRDAP-REEDS International Rural Development Innovation Challenge 2026, along with 5 Special Mention recognitions for outstanding rural innovations from Bangladesh. A total of 187 submissions from 13 countries were received, reflecting strong regional commitment to advancing rural development innovation.

All entries were rigorously reviewed by an International Jury Committee through a fair and transparent evaluation process.

All 15 awardees will be invited to participate in Asia-Pacific Conference on Innovations in Rural development in Colombo, Sri Lanka, planned for October 2026, where they will showcase their innovative solutions for sustainable rural development and will have interface meeting with representative of CIRDAP Member Countries. Congratulations to all the winners for their remarkable contributions toward building resilient, innovative, and prosperous rural communities.

Based on their recommendations, CIRDAP proudly presents the Winners of the Innovation Challenge as follows:

Regional Awardees (5)- receiving US\$ 500 Cash Awards plus a Certificate of Recognition

Innovation	Country	Innovator
From Land Consolidation to Local Branding through Capacity Building: The Narrative of a Rural Extension Facilitator in Kermanshah, Iran	IR Iran	Mr. Mozhdeh Ketabi
CARBODIT: A Community-Based Digital Carbon Finance Model for Rural Empowerment	Bangladesh	Mr. Saifullah Manwar & Team
GramiGO – Smart Rural Delivery & Local Commerce Network	India	Mr. Charan Bhogavalli
PryoFuel Rural	Malaysia	Dr. Thinakaran Narayanan
Walking Cooler", A Low Cost, Zero Energy Mobile Cold Storage Solution for Smallholder Farmers	Sri Lanka	Ms. M. Dasuni Maheshika



National Level Awardees (10) - receiving a Certificate of Appreciation

Innovation	Country	Innovator
Digital Farmer 4.0 Platform: Real-time Forecasting and Market Connectivity for Smallholder Farmers in Vietnam	Vietnam	Mr. Khuất Duy Học
CHINMAYA-Rural Action Network (C-RAN)	India	Dr. Bindu MP
ECOLERY: A Replicable Women-Led Rural Green Economy Model	Bangladesh	Ms. Nafesa Anzum Helaly
AgriConnect KOPIA: A Low-Cost ICT Advisory and Feedback Model	Pakistan	Dr. Umair Nawaz
Eco_Protek: A Rural Microbial Innovation Driving Circular Agriculture, Food Security, and Environmental Resilience	Philippines	Mr. Jeremy M. Balisacan
Digital Agri-Connect Nepal (DAC-Nepal): A Low-Cost Digital Innovation for Inclusive, Climate-Smart and Market-Linked Rural Livelihoods.	Nepal	Dr. Yogendra Kumar Karki
Community-Based Fisheries Lifestyle Tourism Concept	Thailand	Ms. Chanatip Boonchalee
The Rural Resilience Academy (TRRA) Strategic Rural Innovation for Myanmar's "Generation on Hold"	Myanmar	Mr. Aung Htet Oo
DOI Gampang: Digital Transformation for Rural Economy	Indonesia	Mr. Ary Andreas Toelle
Forest to Foreign Fork: Sustainable Expansion of Wild Red Mushroom for Rural Resilience	Lao PDR	Dr. Ouanh Phomvisith





Performance of CIRDAP Project Facilitation Centre

The Project Facilitation Centre (PFC) of CIRDAP has made notable progress in facilitating project development, partnerships and resource mobilization across the Asia Pacific region.

Since its establishment, the PFC has received 90 project concept notes from CIRDAP experts, MoU partners and rural development professionals for potential funding and collaboration. A total of 17 projects, with an aggregate budget of approximately USD 4.93 million, have been submitted to various funding agencies. These projects cover areas such as aquaculture, climate resilience, rural livelihoods, digital knowledge systems, agricultural value chains and capacity development.

The PFC has achieved tangible results in securing financial support. Four initiatives have secured confirmed funding or sponsorship amounting to USD 292,474. These include USD 85,000 from FAO for developing a Global Model Framework for National Aquaculture Investment Plans, USD 75,174 from FAO for Governance Frameworks and Technical Guidelines for Urban Aquaculture, USD 112,300 from the Government of India for three CIRDAP-NIRDPR Collaborative International Training Programmes, and USD 20,000 from REEDS for the CIRDAP Rural Development Innovation Challenge. In addition, FAO Country Office Bangladesh has expressed interest in supporting a USD 10,000 research initiative on Farmers' Field Schools, is currently under preparation.

These achievements demonstrate the PFC's growing role as a platform for converting project ideas into funded initiatives, strengthening institutional partnerships and mobilising resources for inclusive and sustainable rural development across CIRDAP member countries.

★ ANNOUNCEMENT ★

CIRDAP - REEDS International Rural Development Innovation Challenge 2026

ONE INNOVATION. ENDLESS CHANGE. COUNTLESS SMILES

Tell us about a Rural Innovation that has empowered and inspired a village or community and brought a transformative change to rural lives.

- ★ Top 5 Innovations - Win USD 500 & Certificate Each
- ★ Features in a BOOK & Attend to International Conference
- ★ Next 10 Bright Ideas - Certificate of Appreciation

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CIRDAP-HARTI Asia Pacific Conference on Innovations in Rural Development & CIRDAP Knowledge Circuit

06 - 10 October 2026

Colombo, Sri Lanka

CIRDAP - NAM CSSTC Collaborative International Training Programme on Building Resilient Smallholder Livelihoods: Climate-Smart Solutions for Food, Nutrition and Income Security

26 - 30 October 2026

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Gazipur Agricultural University (GAU), Bangladesh, observed National Rural Development Day 2026 for the first time on 1st September 2026, with a series of activities highlighting the importance of rural communities and their contribution to national development.

Director General of CIRDAP, H.E. Dr. P. Chandra Shekara, attended the programme as the Chief Guest.



In his remarks, he stressed that the development of rural communities is essential to the overall development of a country and spoke about CIRDAP's efforts to address the challenges faced by rural populations across its member countries. He also encouraged young students to develop their skills, explore opportunities in food processing and value addition, and take up entrepreneurship to create sustainable livelihoods and contribute to rural development.



The programme was organised by the Faculty of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development and featured a tree plantation, a rally and a discussion meeting attended by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. GKM Mustafizur Rahman, faculty members, teachers, students, officers and staff of GAU.



The programme included a welcome address by Dr. Monira Parvin Moon, Head of the Department, followed by the screening of a student produced documentary. Dean Prof. Dr. Md. Monjurul Islam delivered a keynote presentation on the theme "Rural Development is the Foundation of National Development."



The event further celebrated the achievement of GAU's student team Carbodit, which won the regional championship at the CIRDAP REEDS International Rural Development Innovation Challenge 2026.

CIRDAP remains committed to strengthening partnerships with academic institutions and

empowering young people to contribute to inclusive, innovative and sustainable rural development across the Asia Pacific region.



The Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), in collaboration with DAKSHIN Global South Centre of Excellence, RIS, India, is organising a 3 day International Online Training Programme to strengthen the capacity of health professionals in adopting telemedicine and digital health solutions for rural and underserved communities.

 1 to 3 December 2026

 Online

 Participation is FREE

The programme will focus on:

- ◆ Telemedicine and digital health trends in the Asia Pacific region
- ◆ Rural digital health infrastructure and last mile access
- ◆ Regional good practices and country case studies
- ◆ Clinical service delivery models for rural telemedicine
- ◆ Policy, regulation and institutional capacity
- ◆ Regional cooperation, financing and sustainable scaling

The training will feature expert presentations, practical case studies, interactive question and answer sessions, and experience sharing among participants.

Government officials, university faculty, public health professionals, hospital managers, researchers, NGO representatives, ICT specialists and rural development practitioners from CIRDAP Member Countries and other interested countries are encouraged to participate.

 Last date for registration: **20 November 2026**

 Register online for FREE:
<https://forms.gle/ZPdYigWbZuir8wX77>

 Please find the full brochure here:
<https://cirdap.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/CIRDAP-DAKSHIN-RIS-International-Online-Training-Programme.pdf>

Join this regional learning platform to explore innovative and sustainable approaches to expanding digital health services and improving healthcare access and equity in rural communities.



There is a quiet kind of waste that happens on almost every bookshelf. A book is bought, read once with real enthusiasm, and then it simply sits there, unopened again, while its ideas stay locked inside for no one but the original reader. The CIRDAP We Library began with a simple question: what if that book could go on to educate someone else?

That question has grown into a heartfelt movement within CIRDAP. Staff members are invited to share books they have already read and enjoyed, not to buy anything new, just to let a book that once inspired them begin a second life on someone else's desk. A simple register keeps track of what is shared, and slowly a modest personal habit is turning into a shared culture of reading across the organization.

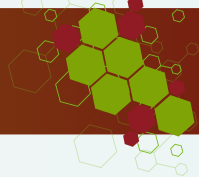
What makes the idea exciting is where it is headed next. CIRDAP is now carrying this same spirit of sharing beyond its own offices and into rural communities across its fifteen member countries, starting with villages where access to books is often limited. Ideas already being explored include a One Family, One Book campaign, and a birthday giving tradition, where children donate a book to their community library to mark their special day.

Five recent developments show how quickly this idea is taking root.

1. First, **CIRDAP** has been preparing a Benchmark Survey to understand what rural communities actually need when it comes to reading and information, and staff have been pre testing the survey questions before any village pilot begins.
2. Second, in **Bangladesh**, the BIID Foundation is preparing to launch a We Library pilot of its own, folding the concept into its existing We Read initiative alongside Nutrition Clubs, schools, and youth groups.
3. Third, in **India**, the Participatory Rural Development Initiatives Society is planning to bring a pilot to Vemulanarva Village in Rangareddy District, Telangana, giving the idea its first grounding in an Indian rural setting.
4. Fourth, in **Nepal**, the charitable organization Aananda Bishram Chautari is preparing its own version of the initiative in Madi, named Aananda Bishram Pustakalaya, so the concept can speak in a voice familiar to the community it will serve.
5. Fifth, in **Bangladesh**, conversations are underway with Professor Susanta Kumar Das of SUST Sylhet, Chairperson of the Centre for Social Research, about establishing a village level We Library, another sign of how naturally this idea is finding champions beyond CIRDAP's own walls.

None of these are grand undertakings. They are small, human minded efforts built on something as ordinary as passing along a good book. But together, they point toward something larger CIRDAP is quietly building: a network of communities united not by funding, but by the simple, generous act of sharing knowledge.

Read Books. Share Knowledge. Inspire Communities.



HE. Dr. P. Chandra Shekara, Director General of CIRDAP, had a meeting with Dr. Rafiqul E. Mohammed, Secretary, Rural Development and Cooperatives Department, Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

During the meeting, the Director General congratulated Dr. Rafiqul E. Mohammed on his new appointment and conveyed his best wishes for his tenure. He also congratulated him on assuming the role of Executive Committee Member and Vice Chairperson of Executive Committee (EC) member of CIRDAP, representing Bangladesh in its policy body.

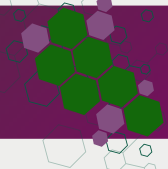
The Director General briefed the Secretary on the objectives, mandate and major activities of CIRDAP, highlighting the Centre's role in promoting integrated rural development and strengthening cooperation among its member countries. Discussions also focused on CIRDAP's research initiatives, training programmes and internship opportunities, with emphasis on enhancing collaboration and knowledge exchange.

The upcoming programmes and important agenda of CIRDAP were also discussed during the meeting. The Director General highlighted the significance of continued support and cooperation from Bangladesh in advancing the Centre's programmes and initiatives.



Dr. Rafiqul E. Mohammed appreciated the efforts of CIRDAP and assured his full support and cooperation for the successful implementation of its forthcoming programmes and activities. The meeting reaffirmed the strong cooperation between CIRDAP and the Government of Bangladesh in promoting sustainable and inclusive rural development.





On the occasion of the International Year of the Woman Farmer (IYWF) 2026, and the Asia Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI) and the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), in collaboration with ARINEENA, CACAARI, AFRAS, and FARA, jointly organized a webinar titled “Women in Value Chains and Agri Food Systems Transformation” on 29 September 2026.

The webinar, featured under CIRDAP Knowledge Series 64, brought together experts, researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and development stakeholders to examine the evolving role of women across agricultural value chains and their contribution to more inclusive, resilient, and sustainable agri food systems.

The United Nations’ designation of 2026 as the International Year of the Woman Farmer provides an important global platform

to recognize the contributions of women across the agri food system, from production and processing to marketing, trade, and entrepreneurship. Despite their significant contributions to food security, rural livelihoods, nutrition, and economic resilience, women farmers continue to face challenges in accessing land and tenure rights, finance, technology, markets, agricultural services, education, and decision making opportunities.

Against this backdrop, the webinar provided a platform to share regional experiences and discuss practical approaches for addressing these challenges. Discussions focused on strengthening women’s participation and leadership across agricultural value chains, promoting women’s entrepreneurship and market integration, and expanding institutional, financial, and digital support.

The session featured distinguished experts and practitioners from across the region, including Dr. Joanna Kane Potaka, Dr. Arjun Singh Saini, Ms. Lama Najib, Mr. Anil Kumar S G, Dr. Jyoti Saroop, Ms. Naheeda Maqbool, Dr. Tala Qtaishat, and Dr. Munoko Karen Musikoyo.

Key areas discussed during the webinar included women’s leadership and participation across agri food value chains, entrepreneurship and value addition through aggregation and processing, market access and integration, and the role of financial, institutional, and digital enablers in expanding opportunities for women farmers.

The webinar underscored the importance of creating an enabling environment where women can participate more effectively in agricultural value chains and take greater leadership in shaping agri food systems. The exchange of experiences and perspectives also highlighted the need for practical, inclusive approaches that can strengthen women’s livelihoods, resilience, and contribution to rural transformation across the Asia Pacific region.





CIRDAP Signs MoU with Indigram Labs Foundation, New Delhi, India to Advance Agri Innovation

CIRDAP signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Indigram Labs Foundation (ILF), New Delhi, India, on 22 September 2026, to promote agri innovation, entrepreneurship and technology led rural development across the Asia Pacific region.



ILF is an agri innovation and incubation organization that supports startups through mentoring, funding support and market linkages. Under the MoU, CIRDAP and ILF will collaborate on:

- ILF – CIRDAP Startup Showcases connecting agritech startups with CIRDAP's regional network
- Joint webinars and knowledge sharing on rural entrepreneurship and innovation
- Promotion of ILF supported startups through CIRDAP's communication channels
- Direct linkages between startups and stakeholders for business, investment and technology partnerships
- A digital conference or startup presentation series
- Knowledge exchange on climate smart agriculture, food systems and clean technology



The MoU was signed by Mr. FAM Zakirul Huq, Head of Administration, CIRDAP, and Dr. Ram Narayan Ghatak, CEO, Indigram Labs Foundation, in the presence of H.E. Dr. P. Chandra Shekara, Director General of CIRDAP, and representatives from both organizations.

This partnership reinforces CIRDAP's commitment to fostering innovation driven, sustainable rural development across the region.



Bangladesh faces a severe shortage and uneven distribution of health workers, with only four nurses and midwives and six physicians per 10,000 people in 2019, far below the World Health Organization's recommended 44.5 skilled health professionals per 10,000 inhabitants. Rural areas bear the greatest brunt of this gap, with limited access to primary healthcare and skilled personnel.



To address this, Swisscontact launched the Achieving Sustainability towards Healthcare Access (ASTHA) project in 2011, pioneering the Community Paramedic training program. Delivered through private training institutes and regulated by the Bangladesh Nursing and Midwifery Council under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the two year course combines theoretical instruction with a six month hospital internship, equipping graduates to diagnose and treat common illnesses and provide maternal and birth support.

Now in its third phase (2023 to 2026), ASTHA operates across twelve rural districts in Bangladesh's north, north east, and south, focusing on three strategic pillars:

- Modernising and promoting the Community Paramedic course
- Building private sector service models that improve paramedics' business capacity and service quality
- Strengthening engagement with national and local authorities to institutionalise the profession

Working with partners including healthcare authorities, training institutes, and the Community Paramedic Association, the project expects to benefit 185,000 community members (60% women), train 1,350 new paramedics, and support 1,440 practicing paramedics with an average annual income increase of CHF 280.

By linking skills training with entrepreneurship and policy engagement, ASTHA offers a replicable model for expanding healthcare access while creating sustainable rural livelihoods



The Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific, in collaboration with the Participatory Rural Development Initiatives Society, India, successfully hosted CIRDAP Knowledge Series Webinar 63 on 17 September 2026.

The webinar featured Prof. S. V. Reddy, Agricultural Extension and Rural Development Specialist, President and Executive Director of PRDIS, Hyderabad, India.

Drawing on diverse field experiences and grassroots interventions, the session explored the key factors that contribute to successful, inclusive, and sustainable rural development programmes.

 Key Insights from the Webinar on success criteria of Rural Development Programmes

- Community Ownership and Participation

Placing rural communities at the heart of development initiatives.

- Strong Institutions and Local Leadership

Strengthening institutions and leadership to sustain development outcomes.

- Context Specific Approaches

Adapting programmes to local needs, realities, and capacities.

- Inclusion of Vulnerable Communities

Ensuring meaningful participation and benefits for marginalized groups.

- Good Governance and Accountability

Promoting transparency, responsiveness, and trust.

- Sustainable Financial Inclusion

Expanding access to appropriate financial opportunities and services.

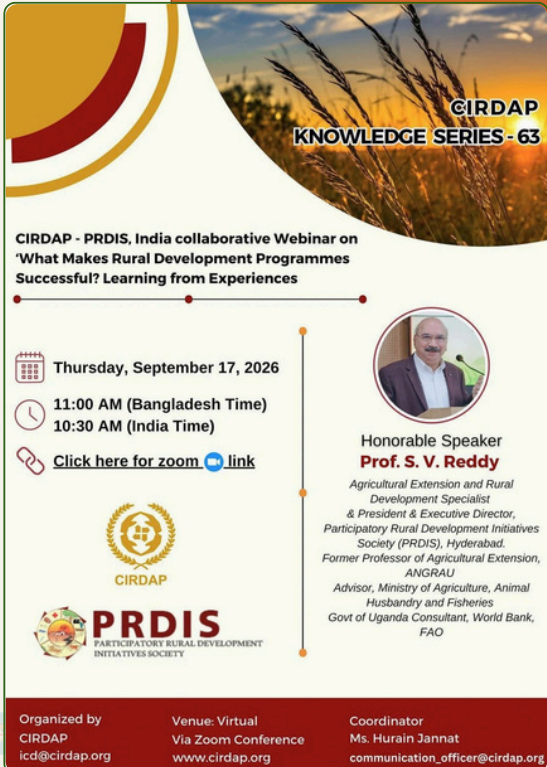
- Convergence and Strategic Partnerships

Strengthening collaboration among governments, communities, civil society, development partners, and other stakeholders.

The webinar was attended by His Excellency Dr. P. Chandra Shekara, Director General of CIRDAP, along with experts and participants from CIRDAP Member Countries. The active participation and exchange of experiences made the session highly interactive and informative.

CIRDAP sincerely thanks Prof. S. V. Reddy and all participants for their valuable contributions to this knowledge sharing platform.

The full webinar can be accessed on the CIRDAP YouTube Channel.



CIRDAP KNOWLEDGE SERIES - 63

CIRDAP - PRDIS, India collaborative Webinar on
'What Makes Rural Development Programmes Successful? Learning from Experiences'

Thursday, September 17, 2026

11:00 AM (Bangladesh Time)
10:30 AM (India Time)

[Click here for zoom link](#)

Honorable Speaker
Prof. S. V. Reddy
Agricultural Extension and Rural Development Specialist & President & Executive Director, Participatory Rural Development Initiatives Society (PRDIS), Hyderabad.
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The Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) is an Intergovernmental, Regional, and Autonomous organization. It was established on 6 July 1979 at the initiative of the countries of the Asia-Pacific region and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations with support from several other UN bodies and donors. The Centre 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.

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.

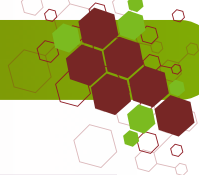
Within these Areas of Concern, the thematic areas identified are: Poverty alleviation through participatory approaches with emphasis on social sector development (e.g. Health, Education and Nutrition); Employment generation through Microcredit support, Infrastructure Development and Local resource mobilisation;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



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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