

WOMEN, YOUTH & RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF CIRDAP



THE 8TH GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM ON GENDER
IN AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES,
KOCHI, KERALA, INDIA

21-23 NOVEMBER, 2022



Centre on Integrated Rural Development for
Asia and the Pacific



– Presentation Outline –

01

Women, Youth &
Rural Development

02

Why address Women &
Youth in Development Now?

03

CIRDAP'S
Commitment

04

CIRDAP Encourages

05

Procedures/
Way Forward

06

Challenges...

07

Bridge the Gap





Women, Youth & Rural Development



Gender equality and youth empowerment is essential to achieve CIRDAP's mandate to provide technical support and promote innovative best practices in sustainable Integrated Rural Development (IRD) amongst member countries in Asia-Pacific in order to improve the lives of the rural people.



Why address Women & Youth in Development now?

Gender equality and Youth empowerment is essential to rural development in Asia Pacific region, and it contributes to the achievement of SDGs Goals 1, 2, 5 & 8.

Four UN Day that reflects Role of Rural Women are key agents and recognize their invaluable contribution for development (International Women's Day, Int. day for the Rural Women; World Food Day & Int. Day for the Eradication of Poverty).

Rural women are key agents for achieving the transformational economic, environmental and social changes required for sustainable development. Globally, with few exceptions, every gender and development indicator for which data is available shows that rural women fare worse than rural men and urban women & disproportionately experience poverty, exclusion and the effects of climate change. CIRDAP region has a large rural youth population and they are no longer passive recipients of development.



Continue....

Why address Women & Youth in Development now?

As overcome the #COVID19 pandemic depends on the health, wellbeing and resilience of rural women and girls, who have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic, poverty, exclusion, and the effects of climate change.

On the other, Women and youth who belong to most marginalized face worst consequences of inequality and discrimination. (in terms of ethnicity, disability, Indigenous people, minority status, hard to reach areas, profession, gender identity etc.) due to negative social and cultural attitude , practices and institutional barriers.

According to SDG Progress report 2021 by ESCAP- the Asia -Pacific Region may achieve less than 10% of the SDG targets by 2023.





Empowering Women clearly empowers and benefits men, and gender equality has been identified as a key to agricultural productivity, food and nutrition security, and long-term rural development in the Asia Pacific Region.

CIRDAP recognizes that persistent gender disparities are a major impediment to rural development.





CIRDAP's Commitment



CIRDAP, in its Strategic Plan 2021-2024 reaffirms its commitment to leave no one behind to promoting rural development in line with the global and national plan of actions for women's advancement.



Director General CIRDAP has launched World Rural day "July 6" on its 43rd anniversary calling for more collaborative actions in integrated rural development.



Observance of International Day of the Rural Women Day, International Women day and organized Webinar in this region.



CIRDAP Encourages

CIRDAP WEBINAR SERIES

15TH OCTOBER
Celebration of International Day of Rural Women

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Md. Kamrul Arif Bhui
Chief Technology Officer, eG-Project, Prime Minister's Office, the Government of Bangladesh

MODERATOR

Dr. Akhassul Karim
Director, Centre for Inclusive Innovation, Bangladesh

17 OCTOBER 2021 4:00 PM (DHAKA TIME) ZOOM LINK

SPONSORED BY CIRDAP
www.cirdap.org
www.cirdap.org

To Implement IRD programmes around education, health, livelihoods, socio-economic well-being for women and youth.

To Organize workshops, seminars, and webinars, as well as observance of international days such as International Day of Rural Women's Day, International Women's Day, etc

Capacity building on mainstreaming gender and youth programme with emphasis and awareness on intersectionality

Publication of good success stories, cases on gender and youth integration in rural development

Policy advocacy to promote for women and youth empowerment in IRD



Procedures/Way forward

- > Strengthen capacity on Gender, youth and Rural Development through training, workshop, webinar, exposure visits etc
- > Proposal development in consultation with CMC and partner organization Fund
- > Shortlisted proposals with budgets and action plans will be submitted to the Technical Committee (TC) for endorsement.
- > Potential projects will also be put together for external sources of funding.



Challenges...



Limited External
Funding



Skill Human
Resources



Discriminatory
Norms Prevail



Unpaid Care &
Household Works



Physical &/or
Sexual Violence



Challenges...



South & Southwest Asia
Record the Highest Rates of
Child Marriage



Decision Making &
Leadership Roles
Remains Limited



The Victims of
Trafficking



Limited Access to Resources
, information and ICT

Bridge the Gap



- ◆◆◆ Ensure all Rural children – girls and boys – have access to education.
- ◆◆◆ Improve nutrition and health care for Women & Youth.
- ◆◆◆ Enhance capacity for voice, leadership and decision making.
- ◆◆◆ Provide equal access to and control over productive resources such as land and financial services.
- ◆◆◆ Access to Information and resources and ICT.
- ◆◆◆ Effective measures to prevent violence and harassment against women.

“There is no development strategy more beneficial to society as a whole – women and men alike – than the one which involves women as central players.”

— Kofi Annan, Former United Nations Secretary-General



“Empathy & Compassion
is the Driving Force for an
Inclusive Society to
Accept and Promote
Diversity & Inclusion.”

— Dr. Usharani Boruah,
Librarian & Gender Coordinator



Thank You



Enabling Rural Development through
People and Cooperation

Visit us @ www.cirdap.org