



- Project Title** : **International Training Programme on Planning, Management, Monitoring and Evaluation of Rural Development Projects in Asia-Pacific Region (PMME)**
- Project Duration** : Two weeks
- Implementing Agency** : Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) in collaboration with the sponsoring agency
- Country Coverage** : Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam
- Budget** : US \$ 57,250 approximately
- Venue** : To be decided
- Funding Agency** : To be identified

Introduction

The development goals of developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region attach high priority to rural development and poverty alleviation. Several projects have been conceived by various departments and international donors and UN affiliates, to strengthen these objectives, through sectoral activities. UNDP and ADB have signaled their strategic partnerships to strengthen poverty reduction initiatives in Asia and Pacific region. The aim of the programme is to support national governments in their efforts at project formulation, implementation and evaluation of rural

development projects. CIRDAP's approaches are close to these endeavours, as part of enhancing regional cooperation and support national actions.

Results based M&E is a programme public management tool. This engages in agencies on outcomes, choosing outcomes to monitor and evaluate, selecting key programme indicators, gathering data, selecting result targets, link between implementation monitoring and result monitoring, using it as a result based management tool suggesting the systems in the organization etc. will provide useful impacts to the participating governments. Participatory planning and monitoring and results and impact evaluation etc., as developed by international organizations, like the World Bank, IFAD, OECD, etc. will form the content of the course.

It is important, in this context, that steps relating to planning of IRD projects are clearly understood and carefully followed as participatory techniques are being stressed. Based on this premise, CIRDAP plans to offer this regional training course on planning, management, monitoring and evaluation of rural development projects in Asia-Pacific region.

The training course on PMME is designed and developed by CIRDAP along with the partner organizations to meet the growing challenges in Development Administration. It is an attempt to achieve capacity build-up for administrators, planners and implementors of Rural Development Programme (RDPs) in the countries of the Region. The programmes earlier conducted have given a feedback to merge all the management components and one set to promote competent managerial cadre in planning and managing rural development projects

aimed at poverty alleviation and achieving Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

The design and contents of the course are modified from time to time on the basis of comments of the participants and feed-back from resource persons and the felt needs and requirements of member countries.

Objectives

The overall objectives of this course is aimed at knowledge inputs combined with enhancing capabilities in planning and managing the projects. The specific objectives of the course are:

- (1) To build the capacity of rural development policy makers and managers at high and middle levels CIRDAP member countries in planning, designing, implementing and monitoring the rural development projects, to meet its objectives laid down in National Development Framework;
- (2) To help senior officers in rural development/agriculture/local development/community development ministries to gain practical hands on experience, with tools and techniques of participation in rural development projects with a result and impact orientation;

- (3) To visit successful projects (in various rural development projects) interact with institution in various locations; and
- (4) Introducing various policies/programmes/projects of CIRDAP member governments in Asia-Pacific.

This programme will help the governments in Asia-Pacific to gain knowledge and practical experience in project formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, in specific sectoral on-going or emerging projects in different rural development sectors. These will include apart from others, bio-farming, medicinal and aromatic plants, water conservation, micro-enterprises development, women in forest projects, etc. The participants will be taken to project sites to gain hands on experience. There are very important and successful projects in India on the subjects mentioned above.

This will also help CIRDAP to document evidences from the participating countries and generate thoughts for identifying new projects that are community based and community driven, so that participation will assist their national endeavours in relation to their existing projects. Fertilization and synthesis of cross country experiences will be useful for regional cooperation. The successful case studies are getting published in CIRDAP development digest, which is circulated very widely through out the world.

Methodology

The methodology will include lecture-cum-discussion, video presentations, case study presentations, discussions with rural development officials, field visit, etc. Some sessions on group assignments are also planned so that the participants can address themselves to some of the key issues in project planning and prepare tentative projects suiting to their own country needs. A small input on training methodology will also be included in this course so that the trainees of this course, when they return to their countries, can also help in designing and conducting of in-country courses on this subject.

Field Visit

Field visit will be arranged outside the venue to study innovative rural development projects.

Participants

The course is designed for senior officials of the Ministries in charge of Rural Development, Agrarian Reform, Local Development, etc. and personnel working in CIRDAP link institutions in the member countries of CIRDAP. Women officials involved in preparation and analysis of projects in participating countries will be given preference. The respective governments of CIRDAP member countries will nominate suitable officers and will be selected on the basis of their utility.

Duration

Two weeks.

Budget

Sl.No.	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT (in US\$)
1.	Travel Costs for member countries at the average US \$ 900 per participant for 20 participants	18,000
2.	Travel costs for resource persons @ US \$900 per person	4,500
3.	Out of Pocket Allowance for 25 persons @ US\$ 30/day for 15 days	11,250
4.	Field visit (transport, board, lodging, organizational costs)	3,000
5.	Organisational costs (board/lodging, guest speaker's travel, honorarium, material, utilities and others)	12,000
6.	CIRDAP's expenses (covering communications with member countries, distribution of reports, etc.)	1,000
7.	Host Institution's expenses	1,000
	TOTAL US \$	50,750