

D). Rural Education and Training Program (RET)

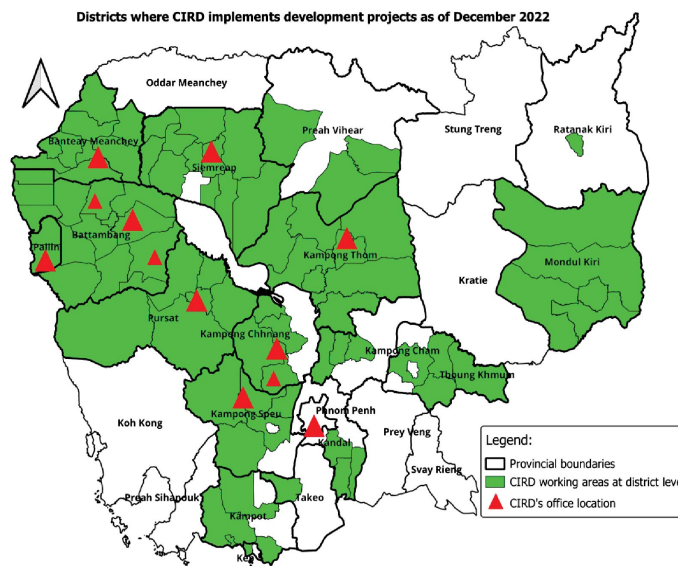
Investing in the future through support a rural education system capable to provide relevant and efficient trainings in technical and managerial skills to young graduate and young generation of farmers to ensure they build and strengthen their capacity to access to rural employment and income generating business opportunities. This rural education system will produce an adapted qualified human resource for rural areas, with capacities to transform a rural subsistence economy to a sustainable income generation economy. This training system will empower the rural youth with capacities to sustain their rural livelihoods and the technical and managerial competences to take over their aging parents' farm and transform it into a modern agricultural family enterprise.

Short course trainings are also organized for farmers and development workers from different organizations so that innovative solutions found can be widely applied and extended within Cambodian rural areas.

DONORS, PARTNERS AND CLIENTS

Since its foundation to date CIRD gets funding support from government institutions (MAFF, MoC, SNEC) and development partners such as AFD (France), AECID (Spain), Conseil General Hauts-de-Seine (France), CEPF/IUCN, DG-D (Belgium), EU, FAO, HEKS (Switzerland), ICCO (Netherlands), IFC-World Bank Group, IFAD, USAID, ... (directly and through international organizations partners: ADG/ECLOSIO, AIT, Cives Mundi, GRET, HAI, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, PIN, University of Manitoba, WWF ...) to implement different agriculture-based rural development projects.

CIRD currently works directly with around **44,000 farmer families** and their **organizations** (150 ACs, 900 producer groups, 2 national level sector federations: CPSF and CCF) in **1,382 villages** located in 357 communes of 18 provinces of Cambodia. Besides, CIRD collaborates with different agri-products export companies (national and international) and linking them with small and medium rural farmers.



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ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

CIRD (Cambodian Institute for Research and Rural Development) is a non-governmental organization founded in July 2009 by a team of agriculture-based rural development experts with extensive work experiences. As a non-profit organization, CIRD works with development partners and allies in Cambodia and networking globally to bring about sustainable socio-economic development.

As soon as it was founded, CIRD implemented the “pilot project for Geographical Indications Protection” in Cambodia as its first development project. This project is led by the Ministry of Commerce in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries with financial support from AFD (French Development Agency) and technical assistance from GRET (a French development NGO) and CIRD.

VISION

For Cambodian rural communities to enjoy abundant quality and healthy food, be able to supply their agro-products to markets, to live in good health and in a pleasant environment with access to quality rural education.

MISSION STATEMENT

CIRD is dedicated to fighting poverty, to improve the livelihoods of rural and marginalized communities in Cambodia through capacity building and organizational management support enabling rural livelihood systems to improve its position from a subsistence system to an income generating agro-food production and agricultural social enterprises system compatible with Biodiversity conservation and Environmental protection.

CORE VALUES

Accountability, Consultation, Dialogue, Transparency, Equity and participatory approaches to eco-agro-friendly sustainable development. CIRD builds credibility and reliability. It takes great consideration of its partners and customers and each of us. We are committed to team work and innovation.

PROGRAMS

A). Family Agriculture Enterprise Development Program (FAED)

CIRD develops and implements agricultural productivity and quality improvement projects to raise food security, quality and safety. On-farm research, training and dissemination of innovations are our key methodological process. CIRD advocates the government and its development partners to invest in agriculture in the ways that promote food sovereignty through agro-ecological approach with crop intensification and diversification, effective water management and eco-friendly land-use. This will help to foster a sustainable agriculture with application of technical innovations that are resilient and adapted to climate change.



B). Research-Development and Consulting (RDC)

CIRD conducts action-research to find out innovative solutions to climate change resiliency and adaptation techniques in agriculture production; in marketing of agricultural products and in farmer organization management in order to promote agriculture-based sustainable rural development in Cambodia. Besides, CIRD also provides its expertise in conducting socio-economic study, project feasibility study and project evaluation to different development partners and government agencies.



C). Product quality Standard & Policy Advocacy (PSPA)

CIRD facilitates farmers' access to markets by providing technical support to enable them to upgrade their potential agricultural products to Geographical Indications (GI), Organic, Wildlife Friendly and SRP rice standards to meet the requirements of both national and international markets.

