

D). Rural Education and Training Program (RET)

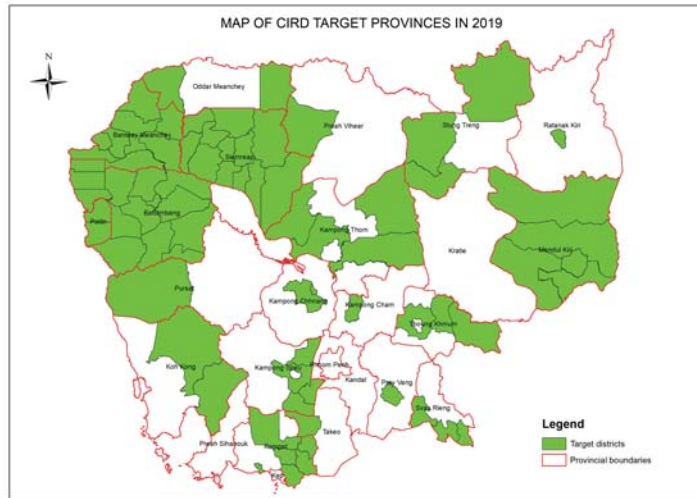
Investing in the future through support a rural education system capable to provide relevant and efficient trainings in technical and managerial skills to young graduate and young generation of farmers to ensure they build and strengthen their capacity to access to rural employment and income generating 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 various international funding agencies and clients (directly and through its internal partnering NGOs: GRET, ADG, Cives Mundi, ...) such as AFD (France), AECID (Spain), Conseil General Hauts-de-Seine, CEPF/IUCN, DG-D (Belgium), EU, FAO, HAI (England), HEKS (Switzerland), ICCO (Netherlands), PIN (Czech Republic), IFC-World Bank group, IFAD/MoC, USAID, AIT, NIRAS, ... to implement different agriculture-based rural development projects.

CIRD currently works directly with around 15,000 farmer families and their organizations in more than 300 villages in 14 provinces of Cambodia. Besides, CIRD collaborates with different national and international companies commercializing Cambodia agri-products and linking them with small and medium rural farmers and farmer organizations.



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ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

CIRD (Cambodian Institute for Research and Rural Development) is an independent non-governmental organization founded in July 2009 by a team of agriculture-based rural development specialists with extensive experiences. As a not for profit organization, CIRD works with development partners and allies in Cambodia and networking globally to bring about sustainable social change.

As soon as it was founded, CIRD has 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/consistent with Biodiversity and Environmental conservation.

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 system compatible/consistent with current environment and conservation policy and climate change adaptation.



B). Research-Development and Documentation (R-D&D)

CIRD conducts action-research to find out innovative solutions to climate change 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 research/study services in conducting socio-economic study, project feasibility study and project evaluation to different development partners and agencies.



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

CIRD facilitates the access of farmer households to markets by upgrading the quality standard of their potential agricultural products with protected geographical indication, organic, wildlife/agroecological friendly and fair trade labels to suit national and international markets product standards

