

Introducing the Ministry's staff to the CIRDAP Organization's Training programs



Scholarships and Fellowships Unit of AIRD introduced 8 employees from different central and provisional directorates of MRRD to the CIRDAP organization's trainings to India:

- Decentralized Governance and Way to Good Governance
- Social Audit in Rural Development Programs
- Geo – Spatial information Management in

Rural Development.

The above-mentioned trainings were sponsored by CIRDAP Centre on Rural Development (CGARD) with technical support from National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR), India, organized at NIRD and the ministry's employees were able to successfully complete

the training programs. The purpose of AIRD was to introduce employees to improve their educational and specialized capacities in different fields.

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Visit from Rural Technology Park

Abdul Munir Wakili, Acting Executive Director of AIRD, along with Sikandar Khan, Head of Rural Technology Park and its team members, visited the Rural Technology Park.

Mr. Wakili was briefed on various working areas of RTP compound. The structures of RTP showcase the state of the art work, implemented by local skilled artisans and being made of local resources and materials.

Rural Technology Park (RTP) was established with a view to uplift the rural people in all aspects of life. Here, several relevant and user-friendly technologies (Solar Cooker, wheat cutter, Tunnel dryer, hydraulic brick machine etc...) are showcased which are useful for improving rural livelihoods. Mr. Wakili stressed on transfer of solar based and agro technologies to rural areas and offered his utmost support to the RTP initiative.



AIRD received appreciation certificate



AIRD has recently received a certificate of appreciation for effectively implementing their programs and its contribution in the budget expenditure of the ministry in 2018.

His Excellency Mr. Mujeeb ur Rahman Karimi, Minister of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, presented the certificate to AbdulMunir Wakili Acting Executive Director of AIRD.

Mr. AbdulMunir Wakili while praising the efforts of all employees said "This team is and will always be our greatest asset. Your abilities and contributions are an important key to the success for AIRD.

Afghanistan Institute of Rural Development has been able to spend 85 percent of its budget over the past year and, carried out a survey of "MRRD interventions outcome assessment Survey" in 34 provinces.

CIRDAP National Coordinators' Planning Workshop



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Munir Ahmad Abbasi, Head of Scholarships and Fellowships Unit of AIRD, participated in the CIRDAP National Coordinators' Planning Workshop 2019.

The workshop was attended by Coordinators or Coordinator's Representative of all CIRDAP Member countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Lao PDR,

Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam. Additionally, observers from the member countries and representatives from partner organisations also attended the workshop. Mr. Abbasi, considering the educational needs of the ministries' departments and programs in order to grab more fellowships and more training programs for MRRD's employees held meetings and had discussions with the representatives CIRAD and other countries.

The key objectives of the

workshop were:

- (i) to provide better understanding of CIRDAP system and processes;
- (ii) to plan and propose CIRDAP biannual programme 2020-2021 for the Policy bodies (Governing Council, Executive Committee, Technical Committee) consideration;
- (iii) to strengthen the management of programme activities; and
- (iv) to strengthen Networking amongst the Secretariat, CIRDAP member countries, their rural development Link Institutes and other development partners.