



International Online Training Workshop on “Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Financial Inclusion and Rural Transformation”, BARD, Cumilla, Bangladesh,

13-22 June 2022



AFRICAN ASIAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (AARDO)

Introduction

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. The goals provide us with our best chance of ensuring the necessary collaboration and alignment as we implement global approaches to securing a fair, healthy and prosperous future for ourselves, our children and grandchildren. There are 17 goals along with 169 targets. The basic philosophy of SDGs is to leave no one behind. The pledge that “**no one will be left behind**” is enshrined in the Preamble of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Recent decades have witnessed rapid socio-economic transformations worldwide. Structural changes to economics have boosted per capita incomes, reduced poverty and enhanced food security almost everywhere. Despite these positive achievements, a formidable number of people still remain ‘left behind’. Still, even as the world is globally richer than ever before, more than 736 million people in the developing world lived in extreme poverty (living on less than US\$ 1.90 per day). The global agenda aims at transforming the world through achieving economic, social and environmental sustainability. Since rural poverty continues to dominate the world poverty scenario, without transforming rural societies, transforming the world would remain an unrealized dream.

It is noted that micro-credit and mobile banking system in many developing countries are making a significant impact on financial inclusion. In Bangladesh, BARD tried to safeguard the poor from traditional money lending system through initiating village cooperative based micro-lending system in the sixties and collateral free credit to the landless labourer and small farmers in the late seventies.

The programme intends to identify the challenges of financial inclusion in rural areas. It is also expected that participants will generate ideas on how these challenges could be addressed so that all segments including the peripheral and still excluded rural people also find themselves financially included to end their poverty in all forms

Aims and Objectives of the Programme

The broad objective of the programme is to enhance capacity of policy planners and financial service providers to ensure financial inclusion of all segments of the poor in rural areas for poverty reduction and improved livelihood. The specific objectives of programme are to

Programme Duration:
Eight (08) Days from
13-22 June 2022

Last Date to Apply:
22 May 2022

Session's Timing:
15:00 – 18:00 Hrs
(Bangladesh Standard
Time) (GMT+06:00)

Organizing Institution:
BARD,
(www.bard.gov.bd)

Sponsoring Organization:
AARDO,
(www.aardo.org)

- understand the interlink between SDGs and financial inclusion, and its implications on rural transformation;
- learn different ways of financial inclusion of the vulnerable and excluded rural people in African Asian Countries;
- identify new and sustainable financial products and services by addressing economic, cultural and structural problems; and
- identify ways to mobilize adequate funds and develop mechanism for inclusion of all segments of the rural poor in the financial services;

Contents of the Programme

Module-1: Theoretical Issues on Financial Inclusion, SDGs and Rural Transformation

- i. Achieving SDGs through Rural Transformation and Financial Inclusion:
- ii. Achieving SDGs and Rural Transformation: Lessons from Bangladesh
- iii. Social, Economic and Cultural Implications of Rural Transformation Process:
- iv. Future Challenges of Financial Inclusion and Rural Transformation:

Module-2: Financial Inclusion Experiences

- i. Financial Inclusion through the Cooperative Movement: Public Sector Initiatives
- ii. BARD Experience of Rural Transformation through Financial Inclusion
- iii. Role of the Central Bank and the Microcredit Regulatory Authority in Financial Service Delivery in Rural Areas
- iv. Micro Savings and E-inclusion of the Rural Poor: The Case of Amar Bari Amar Khamar
- v. Financing through PKSF: An Innovative Model for Generating Additional Fund for Financial Inclusion
- vi. Financial Inclusion through Shariah Based Banking System and Financial Inclusion:
- vii. Financial Inclusion through MFIs: Experience of BRAC & Mobile Banking: An Innovative System for Financial Inclusion
- viii. Financial Inclusion and Rural Transformation: Experiences of Grameen Bank
- ix. Challenges, Possible Remedies and Policy Interventions of Financial Inclusion

Module-3: Experience Sharing of AARDO Member Countries: Country Reports on Financial Inclusion & Rural Transformation.

Programme Methodology

The programme will be highly participatory and interactive and ensures maximum involvement of the participants. Important modules related to financial inclusion and rural transformation will be presented by the eminent resource persons through lecture cum discussions, case presentations, and brainstorming.

Essential Qualification

- i. Bachelor's degree with a minimum of three years experience in the concerned fields;
- ii. Proficiency in spoken and written English, as the medium of instruction is English only; and
- iii. Must be conversant with ICT and willing to undertake online training course.

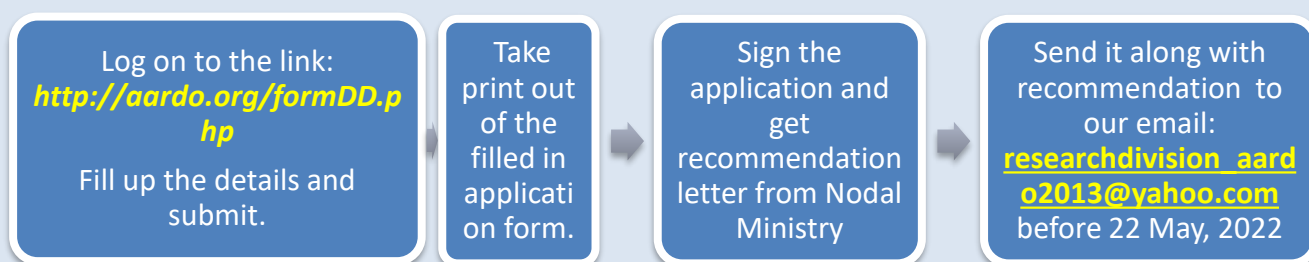
Who Can Apply

Middle and senior level executives from government departments, ministries, development organizations and institutions engaged in formulation and implementation of policies and programmes related to the subject of the training programme. Women candidates would be highly encouraged to participate in the training programme.

Selection of Participants

The participants of the training programme will be selected by AARDO and BARD. Thereafter, selected participants will be provided with login ID and password to access the programme.

How to Apply



Certificates

E-Certificate authenticated with signature of H.E. Secretary-General, AARDO and Director General, BARD will be provided after the successful completion of the training programme.

About the Host Training Institute (BARD)

Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD) was established in 1959 as a training institute for the practitioners and policy makers in rural development. Simultaneously, it combined training with research and pilot experimentation. The unified approach of training, research and pilot experimentation has provided uniqueness to the training curriculum of the Academy. Through organizing need based training programmes, the Academy has made significant contributions to human resource development for local level planning and management of rural development programmes throughout the country. It has spread the training experiences in and outside the country. The clientele of the Academy's training programmes come from the government and non-government organisations (NGOs), Community Based Organizations (CBOs), representatives of the local government and cooperative institutions, under graduate and post graduate students of universities and researchers of different institutions. In collaboration with UNDP, FAO, SAARC, ILO, COMSEC, KOICA, JICA. The Academy also organizes seminars, workshops and training programmes on different issues of rural development for the participants from the Asia-Pacific and Africa regions. BARD is the link institute of CIRDAP in Bangladesh. It also has a close and cordial working relationship with Commonwealth Secretariat and African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO). The Academy is well known at home and abroad for innovating rural development models and strategies. BARD innovated 'Comilla Model of Rural Development', was an approach of integrated rural development emphasizing on people's participation through involving local government that was replicated throughout the country by the government. For more information, its website (www.bard.gov.bd) may be visited.

Important Note

- i) Application without recommendation of the AARDO's Nodal Ministry/Center of Excellence in participant's country may not be considered.
- ii) Application, duly completed, must reach the AARDO Secretariat before or on the closing date, **22 May, 2022.**
- iii) Due to limitation of number of participants, only selected candidates would be intimated through the Nodal Ministry and AARDO's Centres of Excellence.
- iv) Selected candidates will be required to actively attend all the live sessions of e-training programme to be eligible to obtain e-certificate(s).

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