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Taking Rural Ideas Further.

Warm greetings from REEDS. This month, we celebrate a significant milestone in our partnership with CIRDAP and the growing promise of rural innovation across the Asia-Pacific.

Growing Ideas, Expanding Impact

The CIRDAP–REEDS Rural Innovation Challenge 2026 awards were presented to 18 innovators from 13 countries at the Asia-Pacific Conference on Innovations in Rural Development, held from 7–9 October 2026 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.



A memorable highlight was the inaugural address on 7 October by Her Excellency Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka. Hon. K. D. Lal Kantha, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation, presented the awards and unveiled *Seeds of Change: Innovations in Rural Development Across Asia Pacific*, a publication showcasing 71 rural innovations identified through the Challenge.

The conference brought together innovators, policymakers, practitioners and development partners from across the region, creating a vibrant space for learning, collaboration and new partnerships. The success of the conference reflected CIRDAP's leadership under its Director General, H.E. Dr. P. Chandra Shekara, and the support of the host institution, HARTI, which helped create a meaningful platform for rural innovation and dialogue.

For REEDS, this initiative was an opportunity to bring rural ingenuity to wider international attention and foster connections among ideas, people and institutions across countries. We are proud to have partnered with CIRDAP in advancing this shared vision. We warmly congratulate the awardees and express our sincere appreciation to CIRDAP, HARTI and everyone who contributed to the success of this initiative.

Yet the Challenge does not end with recognition. It continues when ideas take root, partnerships grow stronger and rural communities benefit from solutions shaped by their own ingenuity.

Thank you for being part of our journey.

With Best Wishes,

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