

Improving Rural Life

INNOVATION ACROSS BORDERS

Rural Development Innovation Challenge 2026

The CIRDAP–REEDS Rural Development Innovation Challenge 2026 has generated remarkable enthusiasm across the Asia-Pacific region. By the 31 May deadline, an impressive 187 proposals from 13 member countries were received, each offering creative solutions to pressing rural development challenges.

From sustainable agriculture and renewable energy to digital inclusion and community-driven enterprises, the ideas highlight the transformative potential of innovation when applied to rural contexts.

An independent international jury is now evaluating the entries. REEDS extends its sincere appreciation to the distinguished jury members for dedicating their expertise and time to this regional initiative.

The winners will be announced at the Grand Ceremony of World Rural Development Day, coinciding with CIRDAP's Foundation Day on 6 July 2026. As co-host, REEDS is honored to support this celebration of innovation, partnership, and sustainable transformation across rural communities.

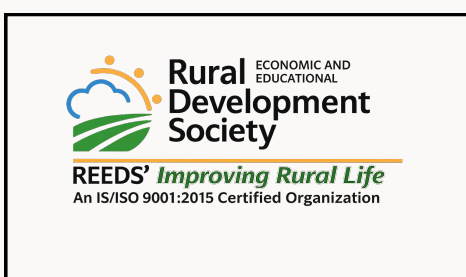


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REEDS Continues as an Eligible CAF America Grantee



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We are delighted to share that REEDS remains eligible to receive grants through CAF America until May 31, 2027, following the successful completion of CAF America's due diligence.

This renewed eligibility opens the door for individuals, foundations, and corporations in the United States to join hands with REEDS in empowering rural communities. Through CAF America, US donors can make tax-effective charitable contributions while recommending REEDS as the grant recipient — ensuring their generosity directly supports grassroots development.

This milestone reflects REEDS' commitment to credibility, transparency, and accountability in delivering development outcomes. It also strengthens our ability to engage with international donors and mobilize resources for sustainable rural development initiatives. We are grateful to CAF America for its continued confidence and look forward to expanding our impact through global partnerships and philanthropic support.

To learn more about the giving process, donors may reach out to REEDS or use the CAF America Gift Form to recommend REEDS as the grant recipient.

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Supporting a Young Life

In June 2026, REEDS responded to a humanitarian request facilitated by Mr. Kushil Gunasekera, Founder of the Foundation of Goodness, Sri Lanka, a respected development leader and friend of REEDS, to support a 12-year-old Sri Lankan girl diagnosed with SSPE, a rare and serious neurological disorder.

Working across borders in the spirit of solidarity, REEDS arranged the procurement and delivery of prescribed medication, ensuring timely access to treatment. The heartfelt appreciation expressed by the beneficiary's family is a powerful reminder that even a single act of support can bring hope, reassurance, and renewed strength during difficult times.

This initiative reflects REEDS' enduring commitment to compassion, dignity, and improving lives wherever the need arises.

As we move into the second half of 2026, we remain committed to advancing innovation, fostering partnerships, and creating meaningful opportunities that improve the lives of rural communities. Thank you for being part of this journey.

With Best Wishes,

Ravi K. Reddy

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