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WE BUILD PARTNERSHIPS TO DEVELOP LEADERS AND COMMUNITIES IN RURAL ASIA



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AsiaDHRRA traces its earliest roots to the Development of Human Resources in Rural Asia Workshop (DHRRAW) held in Thailand in 1974. It is a regional partnership of eleven (11) social development networks and organizations in ten (10) Asian nations that envisions Asian rural communities that are just, free, prosperous, living in peace and working in solidarity towards self-reliance.

To contribute to this long term vision, it aims to play the role of promoter and catalyst of relationships with various partners through people to people dialogue and exchange; a mobilizer of resources for human resource development in the rural areas; and a facilitator of processes and opportunities for the strengthening of solidarity and kinship among Asian rural communities.

The continuing poverty in the rural areas necessitate renewed efforts at the regional level to advocate for policy reforms and more responsive programs with governments, intergovernmental bodies and within the civil society sector. AsiaDHRRA will continue its role of developing human resources in the rural areas, and to make a greater investment in this regard through various capacity and partnership building programs, and through efforts to sustain the cycle of action and reflection among its leaders.

In pursuit of its mission, AsiaDHRRA will undertake the following goals in the next five years:

1. More responsive member DHRRA's
2. Asian rural NGO leaders prepared to meet the challenges of globalization
3. People's Organizations able to effectively collaborate at the regional level
4. A more favorable policy framework at the regional and international levels
5. A holistic resource mobilization and development
6. Network leaders and secretariat able to effectively deliver on AsiaDHRRA's five-year development agenda.

Guided by our vision and rooted in the needs of our partners and members, we pursue our work according to six program areas.

Organizational Development. As a membership network, AsiaDHRRA commits to help develop the organizational capacity of its partner DHRRA's thru their efforts on ground. The members recognize that to be collectively strong they have to adhere to a minimum standard of performance drawn from experiences and those of others. Through the OD collaboration, the DHRRA's hope to be continually relevant, viable and accountable members of civil society.

Leadership Development. AsiaDHRRA provides opportunities for rural leaders, both farmers and NGO development workers, to enhance the knowledge, skills and attitude so that they can perform their roles as visionaries, network builders, consensus builders, synthesizers of information, advocates, and keepers of the covenant at the national and regional levels.

Regional Policy Advocacy and Movement Building. AsiaDHRRA aims to promote and advocate for the network's rural development agenda and alternatives through the strategic partnership with the Asian Farmers' Alliance for Sustainable Rural Development (AFA) and the broader civil society movement in the region.

Constituency Building and Resource Development and Management. AsiaDHRRA aims to expand the support base of rural development in Asia by creating better public awareness and recognition of rural development issues and alternatives and at the same time develop and generate needed resources to sustain development work.

Network Development and Management. AsiaDHRRA aims to keep a dynamic leadership and membership all committed to operationalize the approved strategic thrusts in the next five years. Just as importantly, the secretariat needs to continually calibrate and hone its capability to meet the demands of network operations.

Management Information System Program. AsiaDHRRA harnesses its own information resources and shares in aid of effective advocacy and development work through print and electronic publications. The network also aims to document relevant insights from field experiences.