



INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTRE

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YEARS

Ideas. Innovation. Impact.

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What is IDRC?

IDRC supports research in developing countries to promote growth and development. The result is innovative, lasting local solutions that aim to bring choice and change to those who need it most.

How IDRC works

- Gives the lead to local researchers
- Links researchers, practitioners, and decision-makers in networks
- Creates partnerships
- Builds skills of individuals and institutions
- Uses local staff in regional offices as eyes and ears on the ground



Strategic Framework 2010-2015

Innovating for Development

FOUR FIELDS OF ENQUIRY

- Agriculture and the environment
- Science, technology, and innovation
- Social and economic policy
- Health and health systems

Agriculture and the Environment

- Ecohealth
- Sustainable agriculture and food security
- Adaptation to climate change
- Energy supply and use

Science, Technology and Innovation

- Biotechnology and growth
- Strengthen granting councils in the developing world
- Universities' role in innovation
- Intellectual property rights

Health and Health Systems

- Improve governance
- Enhance health information systems
- Provide care in resource-poor areas
- Understand emerging diseases
- Identify risks posed by aging, urbanization, and migration

Social and Economic Policy

- Promote inclusive, sustainable growth
- Foster more democratic, accountable governance
- Advance inclusion of marginalized groups, especially women and girls.
- Think Tank Initiative (TTI)

Social and Economic Policy

GGP programmes may evolve into
Growth, Inclusiveness and Sustainability

Areas

- Labour markets
- Formal and informal sectors
- Social protection
- Economic Growth
- Green growth (low carbon growth)
- Gender analysis

SADRN – REFLECTIONS

- Limited and overstretched economic capacity continues to exist
- Demand for high quality policy relevant research
- SADRN continues to strengthen local capacity
- networking is an effective implementation strategy for research
- SADRN should consolidate the achievements and impacts

SADRN – REFLECTIONS

This workshop:

- Bringing together researchers and policy people important but difficult
- Excellent summary of achievements and constraints

We need:

- Take our results and findings to policy people
- Engage policy people in identification of priority research areas

SADRN – REFLECTIONS

- Did we meet the objectives that were originally set?
- Did the implementation approach suit the design of the project?
- Was the time provided adequate to do the research?
- Did we spread too thin? Too many pieces thus affecting quality of the work
- Difficult to quantify success!

SADRN –REFLECTIONS

- Was the project funding sufficient for the projects?
- Should we involve institutions rather than individuals in future research?
- How best can we get policy makers engaged in our work and results ? peer discussion, policy briefs, workshops
- Can we reflect on problem areas and use them in design of new projects
- Are networks the best approach to conduct research in the region?

Moving Forward _IDRC

- Continued support for research and capacity in the region
- Special grant for research to policy activities for existing grants
- Engage more partners and new grantees
- More collaboration between regional and national based think tanks eg AERC and TIPS (SADRN)



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