



# ICIMOD

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR INTEGRATED MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT

Achievements, Challenges, and Lessons Learned



# ICIMOD in Brief

ICIMOD is an international, independent mountain learning and knowledge centre committed to improving the sustainable livelihoods of mountain peoples in the extended Himalayan region. ICIMOD serves eight regional member countries of the of the Hindu Kush-Himalayan area: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal, and Pakistan as well as the global mountain community. Founded in 1983, ICIMOD is based in Kathmandu, Nepal, and brings together a partnership of its regional member countries, over 300 partner institutions, and donors with a commitment to development action to secure the future of the greater Himalayan region.

**Vision:** Together with its partners and regional member countries, ICIMOD is committed to a shared vision of prosperous and secure mountain communities committed to peace, equity, and environmental sustainability.

**Mission:** ICIMOD's mission is to develop and provide integrated and innovative solutions, in cooperation with national, regional, and international partners, which foster action and change for overcoming mountain people's economic, social, and physical vulnerability.

## Integrated Programmes

1. Natural Resource Management (NRM)
2. Agriculture and Rural Income Diversification (ARID)
3. Water, Hazards and Environmental Management (WHEM)
4. Culture, Equity, Gender and Governance (CEGG)
5. Policy and Partnership Development (PPD)
6. Information and Knowledge Management (IKM)

**Regional Member Countries:** Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal, and Pakistan

**Core Programme Donors:** Austria, Denmark, Germany, The Netherlands, Norway, and Switzerland and regional member countries

**Additional information** on co-financing donors, partners, Board of Governors, budget, and recent publications is provided in information sheets in the back pocket.

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## Message from the Director General

Since its establishment, ICIMOD, with guidance and support from its international Board of Governors, has been working to improve the livelihoods of mountain peoples in an environmentally sound manner. This introduction to ICIMOD's work was prepared to provide a better understanding of where ICIMOD has come from, what it has achieved to date, and where it could have done better. It is a candid reflection by key members of the management and staff on the Centre's achievements and shortcomings, and its aspirations for the future.

The report draws upon ICIMOD's annual reports and programme and project documents as well as personal communication with ICIMOD staff and partner organisations. It was prepared by Dr. Pema Gyamtsho, then Head of Policy and Partnership Development, with research and computing support from Ms. Samjhana R. Thapa, and a literature review by Ms. Ayushma Rana. Inputs on various sections were received from programme managers and project coordinators; the Deputy Director General Programmes, Dr. Madhav Karki, recently reviewed and further revised the document with inputs from others.

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## Acronyms and Abbreviations

CGIAR	Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FECOFUN	Federation of Community Forestry Users in Nepal
GIS	geographic information system
GTZ	German Technical Cooperation
HKH	Hindu Kush-Himalaya/Himalayan
HIMAWANTI	Himalayan Grassroots Women's Natural Resource Management Association
HMGN	His Majesty's Government of Nepal
ICIMOD	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development
ICT	information and communication technology
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
M&E	monitoring and evaluation
NGO	non-government organisation
PARDYP	People and Resource Dynamics Project
RCP	Regional Collaborative Programme
RMC	regional member country
RS	remote sensing
SALT	sloping agricultural land technology
SAWTEE	South Asia Watch on Trade Economics and Environment
WMO	World Meteorological Organization





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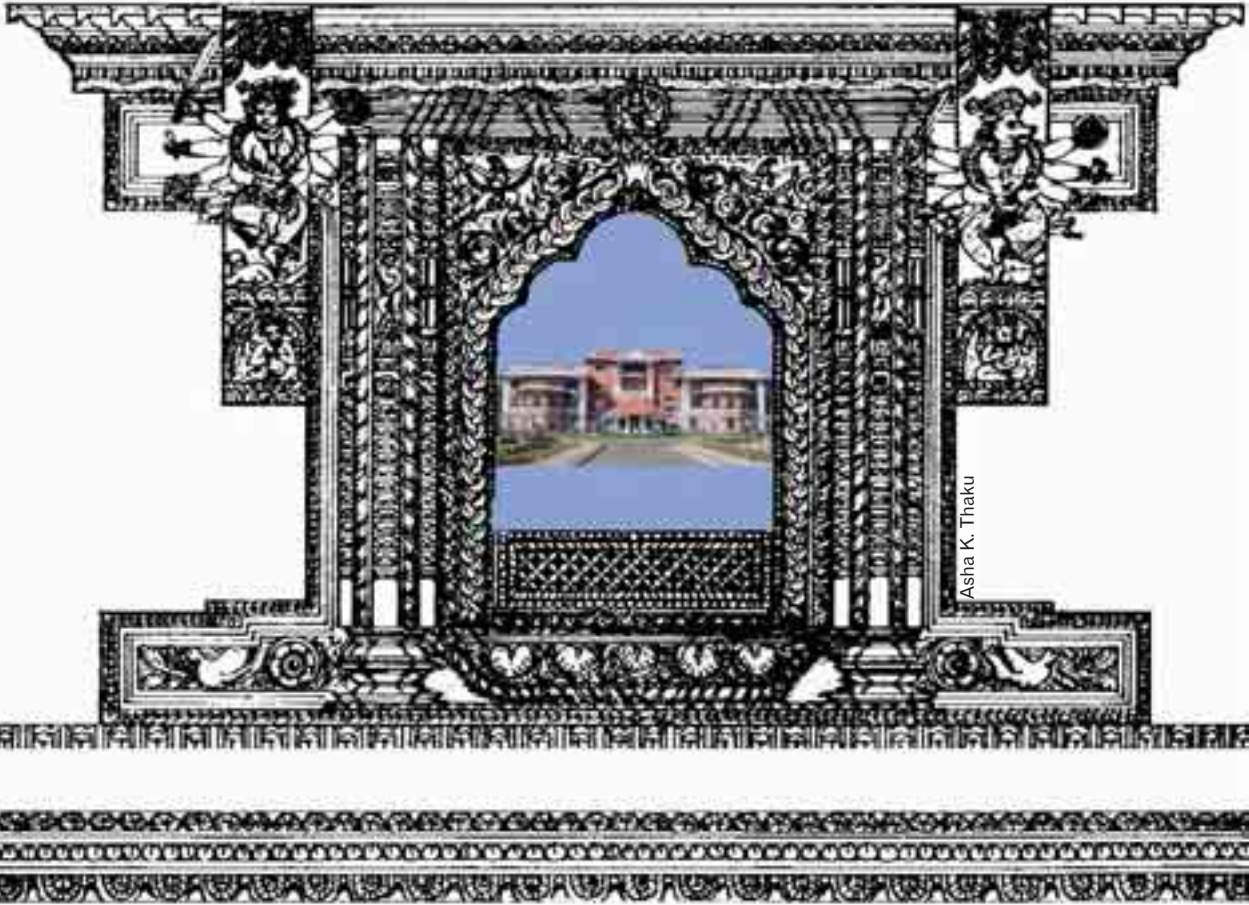
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## The New Headquarters Building



ICIMOD'S new headquarters at Khumaltar, Lalitpur District, in the Kathmandu Valley is the result of generous contributions of land by His Majesty's Government of Nepal and donations from the regional member countries Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, and Pakistan.