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PREFACE

Several common attributes are shared by the poor and their poverty, in mountain areas, with their counterparts in other poor areas of the world. However, the lower range and dependability of the anti-poverty options can be treated as more specific features of the poverty situation in mountain areas. In addition, an incredibly high degrees of inaccessibility, fragility, and marginality, along with other restricting characteristics, obstruct the production and exchange processes in mountain areas and also adversely affect the policy-makers' perceptions concerning mountain problems. Their combined impacts result in processes generating and/or perpetuating poverty in mountain areas. An understanding of these processes is essential in devising anti-poverty strategies for mountain areas.

This paper presents a framework incorporating the above issues. It was presented at the "International Forum on Development of Poor Mountain Areas" held in Beijing, China (22-27 March, 1993), where evidence from several empirical studies supported the conclusions arrived at in this conceptual paper. The paper represents yet another application of the "Mountain Perspective Framework" developed by ICIMOD to examine mountain problems from an alternative perspective.

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