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## SECOND REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMME\*

The Second Regional Collaborative Programme (RCP-II) for the sustainable development of the Hindu Kush-Himalayan (HKH) region commenced in 1999 and will end in 2002. RCP-II, also known as Mountains 2000 and Beyond: Second Regional Collaborative Programme for Sustainable Development of the HKH, was the second phase of the Regional Collaborative Programme for the sustainable development of the HKH (RCP-I). Both RCP-I and RCP-II have been ambitious in attempting to address the issues highlighted by Chapter 13 (Mountain Ecosystems) of Agenda 21. The programmes were designed after extensive consultations with partner institutions in ICIMOD member countries, Board of Governors and Support Group and many others.

During the RCP-II period, ICIMOD has been focussing, and will continue to focus its activities on 5 key programme areas. These reflect the 3 key thematic concerns in sustainable development of the Hindu Kush-Himalayas and the 2 main mechanisms that ICIMOD uses to increase the capacities of local and national institutions to apply the knowledge generated by the thematic programmes.

## Programme Areas

- Sustainable Livelihoods for Mountain Households
- II. Gender Balanced Mountain Development
- III. Sustainable Management of the Mountain Commons
- IV. Capacity Building of Mountain Development Organisations
- V. Information and Outreach

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