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Abbreviations

APCU	Asia and Pacific Coordination Unit
CAAS	Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences
CGIAR	Consortium of International Agricultural Research
CRs	Country Representatives
GFAR	Global Forum for Agricultural Research
LAC	Latin America and Caribbean
YAP	YPARD Asia and Pacific
YPARD	Young Professionals for Agricultural Development
YPs	Young Professionals

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2. Background Information of YPARD Asia and Pacific

YPARD

The Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (YPARD) was launched in 2006 to serve as a platform for Young Professionals (YPs) in agricultural development in order to voice their views, exchange perspectives and develop themselves into better agricultural development professionals. Later on 14 February 2014, the YPARD officially launched its new name, from the Young Professionals Platform for Agricultural Research for Development to Young Professionals for Agricultural Development to reflect its multi-stakeholder nature, and shift from the perception that it is a network for young researchers only.

YPARD is governed by a Steering Committee of YPs in agricultural development. Its Global Coordination Unit is hosted by the Global Forum for Agricultural Research (GFAR) based in Rome, Italy and is comprised of 4 regional Coordination Units: YPARD Africa, YPARD Asia and Pacific, YPARD Europe, and YPARD Latin America and Caribbean (LAC), along with respective Regional Coordinators. Similarly at the national level, it is overseen by Country and Local representatives.

YPARD Asia and Pacific

YPARD Asia was the first regional coordination unit launched from the very beginning of YPARD in 2006 to strengthen YPARD activities in Asia. In its earlier stage, it was hosted by Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) University, Tamil Nadu, India. Since 2014, with support from the Ministry of Agriculture of People's Republic of China and Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) based in Beijing, China, CAAS has been hosting YPARD Asia. In September 2015, it was agreed to expand the region and include the Pacific, its new official name is YPARD Asia and Pacific. Currently YPARD Asia and Pacific is an umbrella network of 12 different countries: People's Republic of Bangladesh, People's Republic of China, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of India, Republic of Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of the Philippines, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Republic of Uzbekistan, and Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The rationale to establish YPARD Asia and Pacific is motivated by the need to develop the next generation of agricultural leaders, thinkers, and entrepreneurs in order to address critical agricultural development issues and provide greater access to opportunities and resources for young leaders.

2014 is a milestone year for YPARD Asia and Pacific with CAAS hosting YPARD Asia and Pacific Coordination Unit (APCU). Under the rising worldwide emphasis on youth innovative participation in agriculture, with support from the YPARD Global

Coordination Unit and the dedicated effort of Asian Country Representatives (CRs) and teams, together with the supervision from Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), the APCU is working towards a more formal, well-organized, strategically planned, more interactive and dynamic group.

3. Vision and Mission of YPARD Asia and Pacific

Vision

Sustainably improved livelihoods in Asia and Pacific region where young professionals are proactively contributing to innovative agricultural development.

Mission

To serve as the collective regional medium enabling young professionals to realize their full potential and contribute towards innovative agricultural development.

3.1.Objectives of YPARD Asia and Pacific

The four primary objectives of YPARD Asia and Pacific

1. Facilitate exchange of information and knowledge among young professionals across disciplines, professions, and age within the region and beyond;
2. Broaden opportunities for young professionals to contribute to strategic agricultural research for development policy debates;
3. Promote agriculture among young people;
4. Facilitate access to resources and capacity building opportunities.

Supporting objectives:

- Diversified funding sources secured;
- Strong management supporting the YPARD Asia platform.

3.2.Operational Model

Management Principles

1. YPARD Asia and Pacific Coordinator reports to YPARD Global Unit.
2. YPARD Asia and Pacific is supported by an Advisory Group.
3. YPARD Asia and Pacific Executive Committee is the highest decision-making body on the regional level.
4. YPARD Asia and Pacific Working Group consists of all country representatives, and it serves as a coordinating body between national chapters.
5. The Country Representatives report to YPARD Asia and Pacific Executive Committee.

Resource Principles

1. YPARD Asia and Pacific Executive Committee receives financial support from YPARD Global Unit, and
2. Accesses other financial and in-kind support.

4. Structure of YPARD Asia and Pacific

3.1 Advisory Group

The YPARD Asia and Pacific's Advisory Group consists of at most 9 members from different stakeholder groups: universities, research organizations, non-governmental organizations, community based organizations, governments, extensive and rural advisory services, development agencies, farmer organizations, donors, and private sector.

3.2 Executive Committee

The YPARD Asia and Pacific Executive Committee¹ is the highest decision-making body on the regional level. It consists of Asia and Pacific Coordinator, supported by Secretary and Internal Audit-Auditor, and three units:

1. The **Program Unit** consists of the Program Officer, the Technical Officer, the Communication Officer, and Capacity Building Officer.
2. The **Liaison and Partnership Unit** consists of the Liaison Officer (Public sector), and Partnership Officer (Private sector).
3. The **Administrative and Finance Unit** consists of Administrative Officer, and Finance Officer.

¹ For detailed Terms of Reference refer to Annex I.

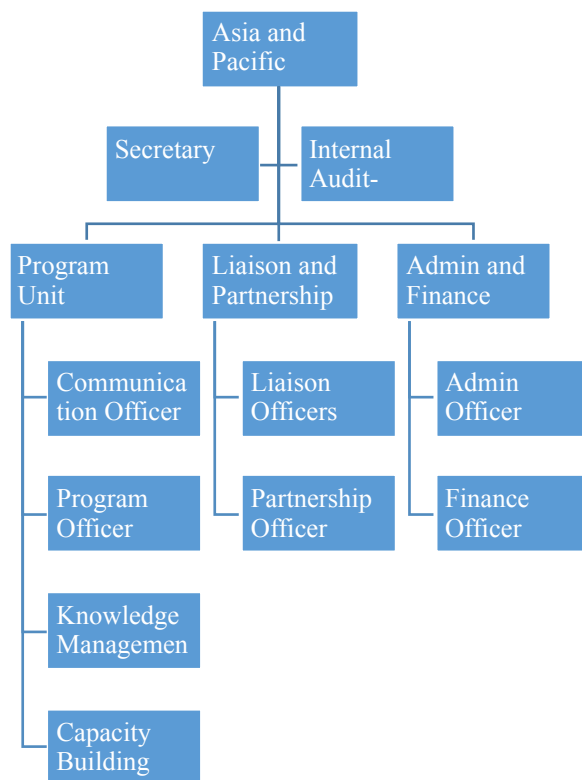


Chart 1. YPARD Asia and Pacific Organizational Structure

5. Main Outputs of YPARD Asia and Pacific

Youth can be attracted to agriculture if they see meaning, income opportunities as well as feel a sense of pride in being part of the sector. Young Professionals need training, as well as the presence of mentors, coaches, and motivators. The youth needs to be provided with basic resources especially land, capital and equipment to make farming less tedious work. Several outputs are identified to attract the youth to the agriculture sector in Asia and Pacific region:

Output 1: Promote agriculture among young people

Role models through multi-media: Stories of young role models are designed to provide positive images, experiences, and inspirations of young people who are active in agricultural development. These stories will include written materials, videos, radio and television interviews with successful urban and rural youth, where local media plays a strong role in promoting this. As much as possible, they aim to provide indications of the potential career opportunities available for young people in the region.

Campaigning to school students to spark an interest in agriculture: Organizing events similar to ‘career day’ where young professionals share their experiences to

secondary school students. These events may be organized in conjunction with notable days in the country.

Involving a broader stakeholder base: YPARD Asia and Pacific is keen to reach out to YPs in related sectors and beyond through non-traditional partners, and cooperate with other youth networks to create more awareness of the agriculture sector. It is important to create linkages with a range of stakeholders such as universities, research organizations, non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations, governments, extension and rural advisory services, development agencies, farmer organizations, donors, and private sector.

Curriculum reform dialogue: YPARD Asia and Pacific will conduct curriculum reform discussions involving different stakeholders and produce proposals for the consideration of education institutions. So that agricultural education meets the needs of the sector and thus, the needs of YPs.

Special events: Innovative special events are proposed to make agriculture fun and attractive. YPARD Asia and Pacific will encourage its members to come up with entertaining ideas to bring young people together and promote agriculture in development.

Foresight: YPARD Asia and Pacific will engage with the GFAR on the coaching of foresight activities, and engage interested YPARD Asia and Pacific members. Young people are central to foresight activities, as it is they who will be developing the future they want.

Gender representation: YPARD Asia and Pacific is committed to increasing opportunities for women and bringing more young women into the agricultural development sector. It will seek to increase the percentage of female members in the network and strive for equal representation of young men and women in the events that it organizes as well as participates in.

Output 2: Inter-institutional linkages between Young Professionals and policymakers

Support the setting of new policy agendas: YPARD Asia and Pacific will seek to partner with relevant institutions and policy-focused organizations to train young professionals about policy advocacy, which is to effectively influence policies and mobilize youth to actively participate in policy dialogues.

Youth, who attend the trainings as well as other active youth in specific policy areas, will be matched together to create thematic working groups to address policy issues. Policy briefs with strong youth input will be created to provide a youth perspective on policy development.

Connecting Young Professionals to the CGIAR: YPARD Asia and Pacific will engage with CGIAR to ensure that Young Professionals from the region will be fully included in the activities that are being considered under the “Mobilizing youth in the phase 2 of the CGIAR research programs.”

Participation in agricultural development events: YPARD Asia and Pacific will select key ARD events in the region each year, where young professionals can make an impact by providing input to key sessions and bringing youth issues into the plenary.

Youth representatives in high level decision-making committees: YPARD Asia and Pacific will promote the presence of youth representatives in selected high level decision-making committees.

Output 3: Connecting Young Professionals in agriculture to facilitate exchange of information and knowledge

Improvement of online presence: Besides YPARD official website (<http://ypard.net/>), the YPARD Asia and Pacific regional website (<http://asia.ypard.net/>) should play an important role in reaching out to YPARD members and communications in the region. Improvements include:

- Making information accessible in different languages (English, Chinese, Russian, Arabic etc.);
- Contribute to YPARD Global Platform on any high-level conferences, opportunities among young people;
- Increasing the quality of submitted blog posts through mentoring;
- Coordinate social media activities among the region and beyond.

Increase membership and awareness of YPARD among Young Professionals: Raise awareness of YPARD among Young Professionals in the region to mobilize them to work together and address common issues.

Inter-institutional linkages: Reach out to a different array of organizations to keep YPARD Asia and Pacific in sync with new developments and advocate for stronger youth engagement within other institutions in the region. Likewise, to promote YPARD Asia and Pacific through third party websites by sending YPARD Asia and Pacific related information on their portals.

YPARD Asia and Pacific promotional materials: Produce a high quality promotional video to display at events to provide a visual explanation about YPARD Asia and Pacific. Similarly, traditional media (print media, magazines, on the event spot) will be used to promote YPARD Asia and Pacific activities at regional or any specific country level.

YPARD Asia and Pacific conference: A regional conference will be held at least one every three years to meet and discuss matters of an agenda set prior by the YPARD Asia and Pacific Executive Committee.

YPARD Asia and Pacific video conference: A regional video conference will be held at least once every year to enable representatives to share their experiences, raise concerns, and develop a stronger community.

Output 4: Access to resources and capacity building opportunities facilitated

Leadership and communication skill enhancement: Leadership and communication skill enhancement activities will be available to all YPARD Asia and Pacific members.

YPARD Asia and Pacific mentoring program: A mentoring program for YPARD Asia and Pacific will be implemented to support and guide young professionals. It will develop their careers in agricultural development; provide them insights into new and emerging opportunities, and skills development. The mentoring program will also allow exchange of experiences and knowledge between senior and young professionals.

Training for Country Representatives: Trainings for Country Representatives from Asia and Pacific region will be organized to enhance their working capacities, in particular, youth mobilization, leadership, action plan development, and fundraising.

Output 5: Diversification of funding

Funding is often listed as a major constraint for young professionals in the sector. YPARD Asia and Pacific will advocate for more youth-targeted funding among donors and partners including through the global donor platform for rural development. The main responsibilities for fund raising for 2015-2018 will be:

- Conduct a desk review analysis with possible funding sources from the national, regional, and global level;

- Develop a Concept Note for activities in which YPARD Asia and Pacific is willing to get funding for;
- Establish partnerships with potential institutions.

YPARD Asia and Pacific will work closely with all the relevant stakeholders for any potential fund sources, which may include the following:

- Public Funding (Government, Research Institutions, Academic institutions, donors, etc.);
- Private Funding (Corporate firms, commercial banks, agro and allied industries, etc.);
- Innovative Channels (Crowdfunding, galas or other fundraisers; fairs, giving circles, etc.);
- In-kind support.

Output 6: Management system

YPARD Asia and Pacific will have a systematic approach to maintain an efficient performance of regional actions, and coordination between the Global Coordination Unit, other Regional Coordination Units, YPARD Asia and Pacific Executive Committee, Working Group, Advisory Group, and relevant Stakeholders. The main goals for 2015-2018 will be:

- Complete management structure of YPARD Asia and Pacific;
- Review and renegotiate hosting arrangements at national levels;
- Develop an annual planning and approval system through Executive Committee;
- Develop a systematic monitoring and evaluation mechanism within the Executive Committee.

YPARD Asia and Pacific organizational structure is presented below:



6. YPARD Asia and Pacific Log-frame for the 2015-2018

This will help to shape the development agenda, thereby positively reinforcing the value of youth inclusion into decision making in agricultural development. Furthermore, youth who feel their ideas and opinions have contributed to the decision planning are more likely to take ownership of future activities.

OUTPUT 1: Promote agriculture among young people

Activity A. Role models through multi-media						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Role Models	number	0	9			
Written Materials (printed/electronic)	number	0	9			
Video	number	0	3			
Activity B. Campaigning to school students to spark an interest on agriculture						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Events organized	number	0	10			
Students participated	number	0	400			
Schools involved	number	0	10			
Written Materials (printed/electronic)	number	0	10			
Activity C. Involving a broader stakeholder base						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Stakeholder diversification	number	7	10			
Stakeholders visited	number	0	10			
Invited as a speaker in events by stakeholder	number	0	6			

Inclusion of YPARD members/supporters from stakeholders	number		Increase by 20			
Activity D. Curriculum reform dialogue						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Discussions organized/participated	number	0	4			
University involved	number	0	10			
Participants	number	0	50			
Recommendation papers drafted	number	0	2			
Activity E. Special events						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Events organized	number	0	12			
Participants	number	0	500			
Written Materials (printed/electronic)	number	0	12			
Activity F. Foresight						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Training	number	2	3			
Participants	number	80	100			
Written Materials (printed/electronic)	number	0	2			
Ambassador	number	0	1			
Activity G. Gender representation						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Increase of women representation in membership	percentage	0	0			

Women representation in ARD activities	percentage	NA	40%			
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Output 2: Inter-institutional linkages between Young Professionals and policymakers

Activity A. Support the setting of new policy agendas						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Training on policy advocacy	number	0	1			
Young Professionals' trained	number	0	30			
Policy brief	number	0	1			
Activity B. Connecting Young Professionals to the CGIAR						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
CGIAR centers connected	number	0	5			
Review of youth oriented initiatives in CGIAR research (CRP) programs	number	0	1			
Activity C. Participation in agricultural development events						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Young professionals participation in ARD events	number	0	3			
Written materials (printed/electronic)	number	0	3			
Activity D. Youth representatives in high level decision-making committees						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Committees involved	number	0	2			

Output 3: Connecting Young Professionals in agriculture to facilitate exchange of information and knowledge

Activity A. Improvement of online presence						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Materials available in different languages	number	1	3			
News, opportunities posted on YPARD website	number	0	300			
Improvement of posts on YPARD website	number	0	90			
People reached via social media channels	number	0	100000			
Activity B. Increase membership and awareness of YPARD among Young Professionals						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Membership increased	number	0	1000			
Awareness raising events	number	0	15			
Activity C. Inter-institutional linkages						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Organizational collaboration	number	5	15			
YPARD Asia's presence on other organizations' websites	number	1	5			
Activity D. YPARD Asia and Pacific Promotional materials						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Video production	number	0	1			
Materials produced	number	5	7			

Events where materials were distributed	number	2	10			
Activity E. YPARD Asia and Pacific Conference						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Conference organized	number	1	2			
People participated	number	7	12			
Activity F. YPARD Asia and Pacific Video Conference						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Conference organized	number	0	3			
People participated	number	0	15			

Output 4: Access to resources and capacity building opportunities facilitated

Activity A. Leadership and communication skill enhancement						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Trainings/workshops (online, onsite)	number	0	3			
People Participated	number	0	60			
Published guidelines	number	0	2			
Activity B. YPARD Asia mentoring program						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Program Implemented	number	0	1			
People Participated as Mentee	number	0	20			
People Participated as Mentor	number	0	10			
Follow up Survey	number	0	1			
Written materials	number	0	5			

Activity C. Training for Country Representatives						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Trainings (online/onsite)	number	0	3			
People Participated	number	0	15			

Output 5: Diversification of funding

Activity A. Desk review analysis						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Review Conducted	number	0	1			
Potential Donors Identified	number	0	10			
Potential Donors Contacted	number	0	10			
Activity B. Concept Note						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Concept Note Developed	number	0	6			
Activity C. Partnerships						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Partnership Established	number	1	10			

Output 6: Management System

Activity A. Management structure of YPARD Asia and Pacific						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Management structure finalized	number	0	1			
Potential Advisory Group members identified	number	0	20			

Advisory Group members joined	number	0	11			
Executive Committee members finalized	number	0	10			
Activity B. Review and renegotiate hosting arrangements at national levels						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Specific hosting guidelines developed	number	0	1			
National chapters officially hosted	number	2	8			
Activity C. Develop an annual planning and approval system through Executive Committee						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Annual planning system developed	number	0	1			
Approval system developed	number	0	1			
Activity D. Develop a systematic monitoring and evaluation mechanism within the Executive Committee.						
Indicator Name	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Target	2016	2017	2018
Monitoring and Evaluation mechanism developed	number	0	1			
Annual country report submitted	number	0	36			
Monitoring and Evaluation conducted	number	0	3			

ANNEX 1: TOR's

Role of Liaison Officer

1. Work with Asia Regional Coordinator to gauge interest in the Asia Working Group with external partners;
2. Identify and engage with key internal (CGIAR) and external partners that are relevant to the Asia Working Group to contribute in one or more of the following areas:
 - Political will
 - Expertise
 - Funding (direct monetary contribution, in-kind donation)
 - Speaking/hosting a workshop (if applicable)
 - Dissemination and promotion of the Asia Working Group activities
3. Act under the authority of the Asia Regional coordinator and Global Coordination Unit (GCU) and control any related standard activities;
4. Fundraising for the Asia Working Group activities;
5. Act as a contact point for all agency personnel;
6. Keep lists of the agencies and personnel representing the agencies;
7. Facilitate meetings and cooperation among agencies;
8. Facilitate communication between CRs and the organizations within the Asia region;
9. Have an up-to-date knowledge of CRs and CRs projects including project leadership and stages of these projects in countries;
10. Be active in the liaison between CRs and attends their key meetings;

Support strategic partnership by providing suggestions/advice, facilitating effective knowledge management, and providing technical assistance to project planning, coordination, monitoring and reporting in any collaboration.

Role of Knowledge Management Officer

1. Provide technical leadership in development and implementation strategies to share effective knowledge management practices, templates for reporting, interventions and activities that address the holistic needs of YPARD Asia and Pacific in a youth-friendly manner.

2. Ensure that strategies and activities addressing youth-groups are evidence-based and in line with state-of-the-art, globally-recognized best practices; as well as aligned with national policies.
3. Help to develop, maintain, and follow the indicators set in the work plan for YPARD Asia and Pacific development and youth engagement.
4. Coordinate collection of reports for monitoring purposes.
5. Work with capacity building officer and regional coordinator to monitor and evaluate the progress and impact of YPARD activities.
6. Present results of YPARD activities and projects and its impacts in various forms, including success stories, lessons learned, etc.

Role of Communication Officer

1. Develop and consolidate strong communications in between YPARD Global Coordination Unit, YPARD Asia and Pacific Advisory Group and its Executive Committee, and YPARD Asia and Pacific Country representatives.
2. Undertake specific communication tasks- external email inquiries, promotional launches, virtual and traditional media, produce and manage materials for social network and website.
3. Plan, write, edit and publish a variety of communications and other documents among young people within different stakeholders.
4. Implement communications, marketing, advertising and publishing strategies, which promote the key policies and programs of the YPARD Asia and Pacific.
5. Collaborate with other communication specialists and stakeholders to ensure coordination of materials and communication message strategies, and avoid gaps and overlaps.

Role of Capacity Building and Policy Officer

General Responsibilities

1. Work with YPARD Asia and Pacific Coordinating Unit and Executive Committee ;
2. Act under the authority of the YPARD Asia and Pacific Program Unit;
3. Work closely with the Liaison and Partnership Unit to link with relevant organizations for the achievement of YPARD objectives;

4. Create mechanisms for Country Representatives (CRs) to nominate respective Country Point Persons (CPP) for the Officer to coordinate with on the country level.

Building Capacity

5. Consult with stakeholders and relevant organizations to maintain an understanding of good practice and areas for practice development across nation state's agricultural sector;
6. Coordinate with CPPs in the region to identify areas on which to focus capacity building in the agriculture sector;
7. Liaise, develop, organize and promote relevant workshops, fora, and symposia related to best practices in agriculture, and the mobilization of youth in agriculture;
8. Develop and promote relevant resources on good practices and implementation of youth mobilization.

Policy Development

9. Consult with stakeholders and organizations to inform YPARD Asia and Pacific's advocacy, capacity building and policy work;
10. Prepare submissions or written advice into key issues related to youth in agriculture in the region for government policy processes;
11. Contribute to policy and practice development through participation on reference groups, meetings, consultations, and formal policy submissions;
12. Work with CPPs to research key issues as an input to policy recommendations for youth mobilization in agriculture;
13. Develop policy positions in relation to government policies to engender debates, discussions and best practice in promoting youth involvement in the agriculture sector.

ANNEX 2: National Chapters

YPARD Bangladesh

YPARD has started his journey in Bangladesh from 2010 and running its activities and inspiring young people to join in this agricultural movement to engage them in agricultural profession for better future of Bangladesh. At present, we have 135 registered members from different Universities and research organizations and more than 1450 members in our [FaceBook Group](#). YPARD Bangladesh now in expansion of its network among the Universities and working to collaborate with different government and NGOs. YPARD Bangladesh has partnership with [Bangladesh Institute of ICT in Development \(BIID\)](#) and [International University of Business Agriculture & Technology \(IUBAT\)](#) to working on youth motivation and capacity building on agriculture. We are currently moving towards more exciting activities at national level and extending collaborations and networks.

YPARD Bangladesh team was joined as social media reporting at e-ag conference 2014 in Dhaka, organized by BIID (Bangladesh Institute of ICT in Development) where six members were participated and eight blog posts on the conference was published. Event pictures of the conferences were published pictures in Facebook, twitter, Flickr and LinkedIn. A successful campaign was conducted in 2014 on YPARD and promotion of agriculture at International University Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) along with idea completion from BIID on ICT. YPARD Bangladesh has established its strong connection with IUBAT, Chittagong University (CU), Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) and Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University (SAU) in recent times and hopefully ten more Universities within this year as well as government agricultural bodies.

More about YPARD Bangladesh, <http://www.ypard.net/country/bangladesh>

YPARD China

YPARD China was established in 2012 with the 1st YPARD China Conference held in the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences. YPARD China has completed the organizational chart with Advisory Committee, YPARD China Office (including CR, Deputy CR, Financial Officer, Fundraising Officer, Liaison Officer, and Technical Officer), Local network, Oversea Network, and Interns and volunteers.

YPARD China has devoted in the following respects from the very beginning: First, it has communicated and cooperated with various stakeholders in the agricultural sector, including leading research institutions and universities, agribusiness companies, farmer organizations, NGOs and social groups in China. Frequent exchanges with

these stakeholders enable YPARD China to become a platform of wide information sharing for youth. Second, YPARD China has provided tangible incentives for youth to get involved in agriculture, including training programs, free lectures by government officials and famous scholars, internship opportunities, etc. Third, YPARD China developed its mass social medias, YPARD China Weibo, YPARD China Renren Station, QQ Group to share the latest news in YPARD community. Fourth, YPARD China with the support of the hosting organization Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) is exploring cooperation with research centers for YPs to be engaged in research and policy dialogue.

More about YPARD China, <http://www.ypard.net/country/china>

YPARD India

YPARD India was established in 2006. Currently it has 14 core members, 4 advisory membered structure, and working on capacity development, awareness campaigns, technology demonstrations, and training programs in agriculture for youth. Currently, YPARD India has more than 2000 registered members' i.e. highest number of YPARD members globally. YPARD India programs are mostly based on exposure visits, trainings and hands on training to youth on different aspects of agriculture, dairy, climate and environment, climate smart agriculture etc.

In 2014, YPARD India working group members (six) were invited by Murdoch University to participate in "Second Murdoch Commission" on Food Security, Trade and partnership; and three members to represent youth in 12th Asian Maize workshop in Bangkok Thailand. YPARD India signed a MoU with National Dairy Research Institute, Indian Council of Agricultural Research for housing of YPARD India office in India. One of the YPARD India member success story "Youth as Technology Agent" appeared in the leading farmers magazine "farmerforum.in". In this year, more than a dozen of training courses and exposure visits were conducted through YPARD India. YPARD India, in addition to increasing its membership is also very active and strong in networking.

More about YPARD India, <http://www.ypard.net/country/india>

YPARD Iran

YPARD Iran started to work with an ecofriendly agriculture group called Kimiyaye Sabz, a NGO based in Markazi province, Iran since April 2013. In the same year, during August and September period it organized a special (10 sessions) English workshop on agriculture and environment for students and professionals, where YPARD Iran representative has contributed as resource person. The aim of workshop

was to raise awareness of special English idioms about agriculture and environment, also to make familiar with YPARD website.

Similarly there was another two days camping program, “Matinabad Ecocamp summer of 2013” including 25 members of YPARD Iran and from agriculture background. During campground members went to Ghalhar country and were got chance to meet with poultry farmers and to get familiarity about their problems, also tried to help by providing suggestions for farmers so that they could enhance the quality of production. The event was a one day Campground to Fadak organic farm of Qom. During 2014, YPARD Iran also organized two workshop regarding healthy food and bio-village.

More about YPARD Iran, <http://www.ypard.net/country/islamic-republic-iran>

YPARD Nepal

YPARD Nepal was established in 2012, currently it has 9 member core team from different agricultural development sectors, and is working on youth, agriculture and environmental issues in Nepal. It includes more than 483 registered members on website and 1451 members on [YPARD Nepal Facebook group](#). Remarkable part of YPARD Nepal is, its most of events are online and web-based well documented which provides more visibility and sharing of information on proper time. It provides equal opportunities for members to publish their featured stories, as well as to participate in capacity development programs in national and/ or international platforms.

In 2013, YPARD Nepal organized YPARD Cafe and YPARD Awareness Program ([YPARD Awareness Campaign in Nepalese agricultural universities](#) and [Awesome event in Agriculture and Forestry University, Nepal](#)) to promote YPARD in Nepalese agricultural universities. In 2014, YPARD Nepal Family Farming Photo Contest ([Announcing the Winners of YPARD Nepal Family Farming Photo Contest](#)) and in 2015, National Youth Forum on Agro-based Entrepreneurship Development ([Promoting agro-entrepreneurship among the Nepalese youth](#)) were biggest achievement of YPARD Nepal. Besides its increasing membership and very active strong network, also equally active to increase its visibility in varieties of publication materials including electronic, printed and broadcasting media, and now getting more attention as one of the better youth network for agricultural sector in Nepal.

More about YPARD Nepal, <http://www.ypard.net/country/nepal>

YPARD Philippines

YPARD Philippines is one of YPARD’s most recently established national chapters, coming to existence in 2015. It has a five-member core team that oversees the

operations of YPARD professionals from different disciplines attended. Currently, YPARD Philippines is composed of over 30 members, mostly based in Los Baños, Laguna, who are interested and involved in various fields related to agricultural development.

YPARD Philippines saw its first year as a year of creating strategic linkages to expand and promote the movement in the country. One notable link explored was with the government's Office of the Presidential Adviser for Food Security and Agricultural Modernization. The next was the College of Agriculture of the University of the Philippines Los Banos (UPLB), which has the Center for Excellence in Agriculture. YPARD Philippines is currently processing its possible hosting with UPLB. June and July 2015 were full of milestones for YPARD Philippines. First, an advisory group was formed consisting five members who are experts in fields related to agriculture from research, the private and public sector, the academe, and extension and communication. Secondly, in July, the Country Representative along with farmer-entrepreneurs were invited for an interview by a Marketing Firm, who is working on a campaign called "Mahaling Pagkaing Atin" (love our own food) to promote locally produced food in partnership with a private agricultural company. Thirdly, in the past months, consultations with the administration of UPLB showed that YPARD cannot enter into legal agreements with the university (and even other NGOs in the country) if it does not have a legal entity in the country. Hence, the registration of YPARD Philippines with the concerned government agency called the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

More about YPARD Philippines, <http://www.ypard.net/country/philippines>

YPARD Uzbekistan

YPARD Uzbekistan was established in April 2013, currently it has 22 members working in agricultural research, education, and private sectors. YPARD Uzbekistan, is mostly focused on online information, updates and knowledge sharing.

In June 2013, YPARD Uzbekistan together with YPARD Kyrgyzstan organized Global Conference Call for YPARD community. The YPARD Conference call aimed to bring together YPARD coordination team, country and regional representatives to discuss and promote YPARD activities, youth in agricultural research for development, and capacity building.

It gave an opportunity to strengthen experience sharing among YPARD team around the world. Participating YPARD representatives shared experience, knowledge and got introduced to each other for further collaboration. During the Conference Call, YPARD country representatives focused on how to go towards YPARD vision, concrete and operational plans to work toward YPARD objectives and kick off strategy building.

More about YPARD Uzbekistan, <http://www.ypard.net/country/uzbekistan>

YPARD Vietnam

YPARD Vietnam was launched in September, 2011 with the attention of Dr. Ramasubbu Seenivasan from VIT University, India, Coordinator of YPARD Asia. YPARD Vietnam was a bridge to make a network between young scientists from difference Institutes and Universities as well as young farmers in Vietnam. Through workshops and training courses, hundreds of young farmers and you young scientists were connected each other. YPARD Vietnam plays a role as clue to provide and spread information related to agriculture as well as to other fields to young scientists as well as young farmers.

YPARD Vietnam organized 02 successful workshops, 02 in 2011 and 2013. The two workshops gathered more 100 participants. They are young scientists from Universities, Institutes such as Can Tho University, Nong Lam University, Thu Dau Mot University, Institute of Tropical Biology, Institute of Agricultural Science for Southern Vietnam; and from Department of science and technology of provinces such as Tay Ninh, Tien Giang, Binh Duong, Bac Lieu, Da Nang, Dong Nai province, Cat Tien National Park. The events were a bridge for young scientists could exchange and share their results, experience in Biodiversity and Biotechnology as well as Forestry, Plant breeding, microorganism studies for response to climate change. The events also provided to young scientists with more information and situation of the affected by the consequences of climate change in worldwide as well as in Vietnam, and solutions to respond to climate change now and in future.

More about YPARD Vietnam, <http://www.ypard.net/country/vietnam>

ANNEX 3: Photos

Some photos from 1st YPARD Asia and Pacific Conference, 10th-12th September 2015, CAAS, China.



Figure 1: YPARD Asia and Pacific Country Representatives and other participants



Figure 2: Participants from YPARD Asia Foresight and Planning Workshop



Figure 3: Participants with Dr. Robin Bourgeois- Facilitator and Dr. Jieying Bi- YPARD Asia and Pacific Coordinator



Figure 4: During Discussion and Update Conference Agenda



Figure 5: Group Photo, working team from YPARD Asia and Pacific Development Plan