

promoting models that are self-replicating and sustainable to reduce poverty



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Asian Institute of Poverty Alleviation (AIPA) is driven by the vision of a world without poverty, malnutrition and lack of education for the bottom layers of the pyramid. AIPA's plan of actions are to mobilize public-private partnerships and provide research, training and technical support to deliver and develop processes, protocols and models to reduce poverty through sustainable livelihood programmes, education and health initiatives, empower communities, increase economic growth initiative within vulnerable and poor communities, provide measures to have nutritious food supplements to those people most at risk of malnutrition. The organization has a plan to initiate its research and evidence-based programmes covering the whole of Asia initially, and gradually covering other developing nations known for their poverty index.

AIPA's approach is to field-test, develop and share innovative and sustainable models through its partners .AIPA plans to carry out its activities in close collaboration with the governments of different countries, civil society (local and international), corporate, and international donor community to set evidence-based, pro-poor policy and regulatory environments for reducing poverty, increasing economic growth and improved nutrition and education in compliance with the most up-to-date international standards.

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Mission

The mission of Sustainable Poverty Alleviation Programmes is to engage and catalyze global impact-based economic growth initiatives, rebuilding citizens' governance and reducing social and environmental impacts on farming and other livelihood measures.

Main Objectives

1. To empower rural and urban poor communities to make informed choices for improving their social, economic, and health conditions leading to empowerment, poverty alleviation, sustainable livelihood and development initiative;
2. To facilitate the formulation and implementation of better targeted pro-poor social, education, economic, food and health policies for poverty reduction and district/regional growth and development;
3. To develop replicable models of social, economic, health, housing and development programme coverage and behaviour adoption through demonstration projects;
4. To develop human, economic and financial technical expertise/knowledge of govt. and non govt. stakeholders at various levels for better planning and monitoring of rural and urban development programmes; and
5. To undertake research (applied and conceptual) in alternative models and processes of poverty reduction, and improvement in quality of life.



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Practice Areas

Programme Design, Implement and Delivery

- Field operations on poverty alleviation initiative
- Stakeholder communication, participation and engagement
- Managing Pro-poor community and mobilization
- Communication and creative services
- Decision making support
- Change and process management

Research and Documentation

- Knowledge Management, Impact Measurement, and Sharing Best Practices
- Replicable modelling / alternate modelling through innovation
- Academic Networking
- Publications

Training

- Micro Entrepreneurship and innovation mentoring
- Economic Growth Models
- Specialized skills training and capacity development

Analysis, Advice and Advocacy

- Scenario analysis- Risks and Vulnerability
- Market opportunities
- Natural Resource Management
- Policy analysis and citizen's participation

Programmes

Livelihood Sustainability

Poverty Alleviation Programmes do not make sustainability judgments itself – it compiles and summarizes all the information analysts need to evaluate sustainability in one place. Our goal is to help provide information, technical support through partners on as many initiatives on economic growth, social cohesion, participation, entrepreneurship, land, health, managing natural resources specially water, basic services on education, skills training and health measures as needed. Livelihood Sustainability addresses the status of opportunities, market situations and value-chain systems through the lenses of the most accredited sustainability standards worldwide.

Public-Private Partnerships

Collaborations among public organizations, private firms, academia, research organizations and civil society are important in reducing poverty and food insecurity. These results-oriented interactions potentially improve the efficiency and effectiveness of research, extension and education services; enhancing access to new products and services that target both the urban and rural poor; and fostering greater pro-poor innovative activity in the food, agricultural and micro- entrepreneurship sector.

Poverty Scorecard Programme

Livelihood, economic growth and basic social services in the developing countries rely heavily on credit, grants, and loans. Projects are reviewed based on impact of poverty reduction initiative, market access, labour market and potentiality for sustainability.

Migration

As we increasingly recognize the far reaching impacts of climate change, research has turned greater attention to the concept of environmentally-induced migration. Vulnerable populations such as the poor and landless, are always on move and likely to migrate as a result of environmental shocks, such as drought, flood, excessive rainfall or other natural calamity. Surveys demonstrate that migrations negatively impact household finances, cultivation, public services and trends towards urbanization.



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Gender Equality and Development

Greater gender equality can enhance productivity, improve development outcomes and lead to more representative institutions. To tackle the gaps and inequalities, the focus is to support evidence-based public action through better data, impact evaluation, and learning.

Poverty and Trade

Changes in market policy, rules and regulations have a direct impact on poverty and quality of life. Both micro and macro analysis aimed to understand the economy wide impacts, developing tools focusing on the poverty and inequalities impacts is crucial to promote poverty reduction policies and insure inclusive growth.

Climate Change

Attempt is being made to make the farmers aware and help them to learn being resilient to an uncertain future through evidence-based research, and produce food and other products sustainably.

Research

The institute seeks to achieve broad impact through state- of- the-art research and outreach implementation through multi stakeholder participation. Research projects' aim is to assess how the decision making and technical expertise processes influence the system and knowledge which can bring a positive change and improve the lives of the poor.

Research priorities

- Agriculture and Food safety
- Land health, water and forest management
- Nutrition and Health
- Skills and micro entrepreneurship
- Conservation of livestock
- Democracy, Governance and Gender
- Women's Development
- Participatory Change



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Fellowship:

The institute's board encourage students, scientist and practicing professional to be associated with the institute in different capacities. The opportunity to be associated with a prestigious organization whose work has an impact on important societal issues especially on poverty reduction, employment, economic growth, reducing health burden, gender issues etc. The fellowship programme is offered based on board's invitation to distinguished individual whose work, involvement and ideas are stimulating and can help shape the fabric of better solutions to the challenges vulnerable groups and communities face and can make difference in knowledge and scholarship.

Fellowship categories:

Distinguished Fellow-Significant research and or professional contribution in the domain areas of education, economic growth, policy and governance, women empowerment, health and development.

Associate ship:The institute accept applications from scholars and practicing professionals who are having a genuine interest in the mission of the Asian Institute of Poverty Alleviation and willing to learn more about the institution, its activities and willing to undertake research work in the domain areas of poverty alleviation and maintaining a level of personal interaction with the Institution through attending and participating in programmes and events. Scholars will have the responsibility in introducing prospective supporters to the Institution through our materials, events, or other activities.

Fellowship Programme for Young Learners: AIPA fellowship programme provides benefits through the transfer of knowledge, the definition of issues, and the clarification of perspectives for young students.

Young learners Mentoring Programme- Fellows probe the technical, economic, finance, environmental, health, social, economic, livelihood, media and institutional aspects of many issues related to social development. It supports mainstream programs of the nation. The priority programs include Business Studies and Economy, Education and Skill Development, Democracy and Governance, Gender and Empowerment, Energy, Environment, Technology and Development, Entrepreneurship, Livelihood and Basic Health Services

Training:

AIPA's focus is helping the Project Partners, Field leaders, Advocacy Specialists to gain conceptual understanding, practical knowledge of both global and Asian situation, and process of building stakeholder consensus based on consultation, high impact research, and spirit of enterprise.

The training team helps leaders and practitioners to enhance skills, develop strategies and create innovative solutions.

Training Programmes:

Strategies for Development: Leveraging and Innovation

The constant evolution of today's economy associated with social, political and environmental situation demands that both public and private including civil society employ innovative strategic analysis and formulation in improving the quality of lives of poor citizens. This programme adopts a practical, problem-solving approach to strategic issues and challenges. It introduces relevant concepts, analytical tools and their applications to real-world problems in a variety of social, economic, environment contexts. It also explores strategic initiatives that address issues of organizational performance within the Asia Pacific context.

Gender Mainstreaming in Development Programmes

The objective of the training programme is to enable development partners to acquire knowledge and sensitivity to gender related issues and to incorporate the same in in programme design, planning implementation and monitoring both social and development contexts.



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Sustainable Trade Strategies for Development (Asia Pacific Context): Insights for Economic Growth and Social Justice

Asia, home to 60% of the world's population, has been growing faster than any other region in the world. It is rich in natural resources, and had the most advanced economy on earth for much of recorded history. However, businesses and trade have often struggled to understand and develop good strategies for breaking into and growing across Asia. Its wealth and potential varies widely across its region due to its vast size, and range of cultures, languages, government systems and business environments.

AIPA's Corporate Community Innovative Fund (CCI Fund) aims to provide insights to corporate leaders and participants from Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) with an understanding of the competitive strategies for major markets, business and social dynamics across Asia – giving the edge to devise effective strategies, partnerships and collaboration to grow, expand its operations and services with a social provision of meeting the needs of stakeholders, protecting environment, respecting human rights and governance.

Get Involved and Discover the Benefits of Engagement

- The opportunity to be associated with a prestigious organization whose work has an impact on important societal and development issues
- Making a difference in the lives of vulnerable people
- Providing a sustainable livelihood to the people living under abject poverty
- Rich interaction with like-minded scholars, professionals and citizens
- Supporting innovative research leading to economic growth, better care for marginalized communities and education
- Intellectually stimulating experiences
- Knowing that as a partner with the Asian Institute of Poverty Alleviation, your personal investment of time and finances will make a difference in knowledge and scholarship
- Help shape the fabric of better solutions to the challenges poor people face as Indians and citizens of South Asian countries

Support a Fund: Create a Platform "A life of Dignity" for all

Poverty Solidarity Fund

A Poverty Solidarity Fund has been established with the objective of allowing institute to provide support for hunger and poverty alleviation initiative, encourage participation and promote rights of vulnerable groups/ communities. The fund is made up of voluntary contributions, donations. Individuals who are interested to be part of this institute as volunteer require contributing to Poverty Solidarity Fund.

Dignity Fund- Building the Road to a Sustainable Future

- Building Recovery and Reform through Democratic Governance (BRDG)
- Rule of Law (ROL)
- Displacement, Migration, Instability, Crisis, and Recovery Programmes

Fund for Self Determination –Girls' Empowerment

- Inclusive development initiative- addressing issues with vulnerability
- Women's and Girls' Empowerment
- Youth Life skills & Livelihoods
- Education for girls
- Human Rights
- Reproductive Health

Humanitarian Fund-Every gift transforms a life

- Provision to feed the hungry, serve the poor, heal the sick, and assist the disenfranchised of this earth
- Survival and sustainability



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“Consciously or unconsciously, everyone of us does render some service or another. If we cultivate the habit of doing this service deliberately, our desire for service will steadily grow stronger, and it will make not only for our own happiness, but that of the world at large.”

Mahatma Gandhi



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