

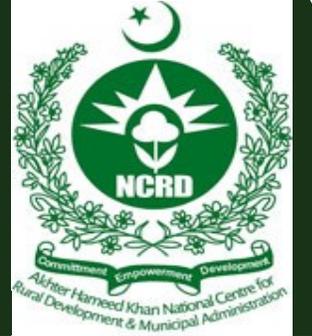


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VISION

“Socio-economic empowerment of rural and the under-privileged communities for sustainable development”

MISSION

“Knowledge-based capacity building of the Public & development sectors engaged in rural development”

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Mr. Inamullah Khan,
Secretary, Establishment
Division, Islamabad



View of the Main Building of NCRD



Mr. Israr Mohammad Khan,
Director General, NCRD,
Islamabad

Training Course on “Planning & Management of Development Projects”

NCRD organized a five-day training course on “Planning and Management of Development Projects” from November 13 to 17, 2023, under the coordination of Ms. Maira Razzaq, Assistant Director NCRD. The training was attended by 52 participants from various regions of the country.

Mr. Inamullah Khan Dharejo, Secretary Establishment Division, joined the inaugural session of the training course as

project development, success is not merely defined by the end result but by the meticulous planning and proficient management that lead to its accomplishment. Secretary, Establishment Division, then mentioned that in the current day world is at the crossroads of innovation and strategic thinking, where the skills and knowledge imparted through programs like the one at NCRD play a pivotal role in shaping the

ject Planning & Management, The Project Lifecycle Management, Project Feasibility Study, Planning, Scope and Mode of Financing, Project Identification and Preparation, Project Monitoring and Evaluation through Logical Framework Analysis, Project Monitoring & Evaluation Systems and SPARCO through PSDP Portal, Role of the PMU, Project Appraisal Techniques, Risk Management & Project



Hon'ble Secretary (Centre), Additional Secretary (Left) Establishment Division and Director General NCRD (Right)

the Chief Guest. He was accompanied by Dr. Muhammad Nawaz, Additional Secretary Establishment Division to the inaugural session. During his address, Mr. Inamullah, appreciated the able team of NCRD led by Mr. Israr, Director General, for their utmost efforts for fulfilling the goal of knowledge based capacity building of the public and development sector engaged in poverty alleviation & uplifting quality of life. He then shed light on the importance of planning and management in all facets of life. He mentioned that in the realm

future of project management. He stressed that planning is the foundation upon which successful projects are built while proficient management serves as the orchestrator, guiding projects towards a cohesive and fruitful conclusion. In the end, he hoped that the Programme would provide an opportunity for sharing rich experiences and best practices in the field of Planning & Management of Development Projects.

The technical sessions covered the following topics: Fundamentals of Pro-

Stakeholder Management, Managing Project Finances, Budget Procurements and Supply Chain, Understanding Project Management Disciplines and Project Schedule Management.

Mr. Israr Mohammad Khan, Director General of NCRD, expressed gratitude to the distinguished Secretary of the Establishment Division for gracing the occasion as the chief guest. He took pride in NCRD's efforts into spreading awareness about the subject among various stakeholders.

AHKNCRD-AARDO's Collaborative International Training Programme on "Disaster Management & Climate Change Adaptation" – October 04-10, 2023

In the face of disaster, preparation is the key to resilience.

Preparing for disaster today ensures a safer tomorrow in a changing climate.

In the face of climate uncertainty, adaptation is our greatest asset.



Participants of the Training Programme with Director General (NCRD) & Regional Representative AARDO and NCRD Officers

Akhtar Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural Development (AHKNCRD) is the Link Institution to work with an intergovernmental organization named African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO). NCRD has been conducting collaborative training programmes with AARDO at NCRD since 2012 after it was declared its Centre of Excellence to conduct such capacity building programmes.

Once again, this year, NCRD conducted International Training Workshop on "Disaster Management & Climate Change Adaptation" in collaboration with AARDO at NCRD from October 04-10, 2023.

It aimed to explore disaster's nature and impacts on environment, economy, and community, explore avenues of climate change adaptation, and facilitate sharing of country-specific experiences among AARDO members.

A total of nineteen (19) participants from eight (8) countries participated in the programme. Among them, twelve (12) international participants participated from various AARDO member countries whereas seven (7) participants were from Pakistan.

The training programme was inaugurated on October 05, 2023, by the honorable Chief Guest, Brig. (R) Fayaz Hussain Shah, Former Director General National Institute of Disaster Management. The ceremony was attended by members of diplomatic corps from Malaysian and Syrian High Commission as well as distinguished guests belonging to various Government departments and nation-building organizations.

The training programme included enlightening sessions by eminent resource persons including Brig. (R) Fayaz Hussain Shah, who briefed the

participants with Pakistan's Disaster Risk Reduction policies & principles such as Multi-hazard approach, Vulnerability and risk analysis as the basis of DRR.

Dr. Pervaiz Amir, Environmental Policy Analyst/ Regional Member, South Asia Global Water Partnership, Islamabad discussed Key Concepts and International Framework on Disaster Management and Climate Change Adaptation.

In addition, Mr. Aftab Alam, CEO, Climate Resilient Future International Pvt. Ltd, Islamabad apprised the participants of the role of climate change in inducing disasters across the globe.

During the program, Pakistan's cultural heritage and scenic beauty was explored with visits to Lok Virsa Museum, Pakistan Monument, Badshahi Mosque, Lahore Fort and Patriata.

The participants were also given insights into Pakistan's emergency response by arranging tour of Punjab Emergency Services Headquarters (Rescue 1122) in Lahore, Pakistan Meteorological Department and Federal Flood Commission, Islamabad.

The NCRD-AARDO delegation also visited the National Emergency Operations Centers (NEOC) at National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). The delegation was received and briefed by Air Commodore (Rtd.) Tanveer Paracha, Chief Coordinator of National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM). Mr. Paracha, during his briefing, highlighted to the participants that the Prime Minister had recently inaugurated the National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC) for the coordination on disaster management. He said that in the wake of frequent recent natural disasters, NDMA has changed its working approach from being reactive to becoming proactive. Mr. Paracha mentioned that efforts to prevent disas-

ters are underway across three levels of government. These include the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) at the federal level, Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) at the provincial level, and District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) at the district level. Moreover, NDMA has now divided Pakistan into 5 regions in order to understand the occurrence of disasters. He said that from 1999 to 2006 cyclones in Pakistan killed thousands of people. However, since the inception of NDMA and its early warning system, there was no human casualty in the Biparjory cyclone. He said that in order to improve its efficiency, NDMA also receives satellite information from European Union, NASA, Japan and SUPRACO.

The training concluded with a dinner hosted by the Director-General of NCRD, Mr. Israr Mohammad Khan, fostering camaraderie and reflection on the experiences.

During the concluding ceremony, Mr. Israr, as the regional representative AARDO for South and Central Asia, lauded the efforts of the able team of AARDO officials led by Dr. Manoj Nardeosingh, Secretary General AARDO, for their utmost efforts for fulfilling the goals of the esteemed organization of AARDO during unprecedented times, and for selecting Pakistan to host this international event on such an important theme.

He hoped that the Programme would have provided the participants with an opportunity to share rich experiences and best practices in the field of Disaster Management & Climate Change Adaptation. Mr. Israr further urged the training participants to serve as goodwill ambassadors for Pakistan in their respective countries of origin.

AHKNCRD-AARDO's Collaborative International Training Programme



Visit to Federal Flood Commission



Field Visit to Punjab Forest Department



Visit to National Emergency Operations Centers (NEOC), NDMA



Field Visit to Rescue 1122, Lahore

Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) Delegation Calls on Director General, NCRD

On October 18, 2023, a delegation from the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF), comprising of distinguished members Mr. Rizwan Sheikh, Head of Human Resources, and Mr. Shahid Hussain, Senior Management Executive (Capacity Building), visited National Center for Rural Development (NCRD).

The PPAF delegation called on Mr. Israr Mohammad Khan, Director General NCRD, and the training team led by Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan Niazi, Director (Trg.).

The meeting marked a significant step towards collaboration and shared initiatives in the pursuit of poverty alleviation.

During the meeting, DG NCRD presented the delegation with a comprehensive overview of NCRD's mission, emphasizing its focus on knowledge-based capacity building within the public and development sectors, particularly targeting poverty alleviation and enhancing the

quality of life. He outlined the key themes of capacity building, which encompassed areas such as good governance, rural development, poverty alleviation, natural resource management, project management, microfinance for livelihood and

entrepreneurship, human resource management, women empowerment, disaster risk management, environmental concerns in development, food security, as well as library and information science.

The discussion revolved around the prospect of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between

PPAF and NCRD. Both parties recognized the potential for synergies in their respective missions and operations. The focal point of deliberations centered on the training of PPAF employees at NCRD facilities—a venture that the PPAF expressed

interest in financing. This strategic collaboration not only underscores the commitment of both entities to poverty alleviation but also signifies a joint effort to enhance skills and knowledge in the pursuit of this common goal.

The envisaged training program will not only contribute to the professional development of PPAF staff but will also strengthen the broader network of organizations working towards a poverty-free future. As these discussions unfold, it becomes evident that the NCRD-PPAF cooperation has the potential to amplify their impact on poverty alleviation and community development in Pakistan.



DG NCRD along with Director (Trg.), Head of Human Resources PPAF, & Other Officers during the Meeting

Training Course on “Water Resource Management– Issues & Way Forward”

PARTICIPANTS’ FEEDBACK

- Participants of the training programs at NCRD appreciate use of technological tools for conducting training programs on modern lines at the Centre.
- NCRD has significantly increased its outreach to government departments, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions and general public for dissemination of relevant information and advertisement of training programs being conducted at the Centre.
- NCRD has been conducting training programs on various topics related to Rural Development, that cater to current issues, needs and national focus.

NCRD organized a five days’ training course on ‘Water Resource Management– Issues and Way Forward’ from October 16-20, 2023. A total of 43 participants from all parts of the country attended the training course.

The objectives of the session were threefold: firstly, to analyze the comprehensive outlook of water resources within the nation and deliberate on significant challenges in their management on a national scale; secondly, to formulate strategies to overcome existing obstacles and to assess government policies and approaches pertaining to water resource management; and thirdly, to encourage the exchange of experiences among participants regarding various issues concerning water resources.

The technical sessions covered a wide array of topics crucial to understanding

and managing water resources effectively. These included an examination of the threats and opportunities facing water resource management in Pakistan, as well as approaches to project design through need identification. Additionally, discussions focused on water quality assessment and management, including



DG NCRD with the Former Director (PLGA), Director (Trg.) & other NCRD Officers

treatment and testing methodologies. The impact of climate change on water resource management was also explored, alongside presentations on water-saving technologies and the economics of water resource management. Furthermore, attention was given to flood risk man-

agement in Pakistan, with insights into existing flood management practices being shared among participants.

The concluding ceremony was chaired by Dr. Najeeb Aslam, Former Director, Punjab Academy, Lalamusa. He emphasized the profound significance of equitable access to water as a fundamental human right. He underscored the critical role of education in fostering a deeper understanding of water management practices. Mr. Najeeb stressed the importance of adaptability and collaboration in addressing the complex challenges posed by climate change and population growth. He concluded by urging for innovative solutions that prioritize both the quantity and quality of water resources, highlighting the interconnectedness of water with other facets of sustainable development.

Training Course on “Alternate Energy Resources– Potential & Prospects”

Exploring alternative energy resources presents a promising avenue for addressing the challenges of climate change and energy sustainability. With advancements in technology, renewable sources such as solar, wind, hydro, and geothermal power offer vast potential to diversify our energy portfolio. Embracing these alternatives not only reduces reliance on fossil fuels but also mitigates environmental degradation. As global demand for clean energy continues to rise, investing in the development and utilization of alternative resources holds great promise for a more sustainable future, offering both economic and environmental

benefits. In order to raise awareness regarding the subject matter, NCRD organized a five days’ training course on “Alternate Energy Resources– Potential & Prospects from October 23-27, 2023. The training program was attended by 22 participants from diverse backgrounds and areas the coun-

try. The resource persons invited to deliver the sessions included: Syed Aqeel Hussain Jaffari, Director (Policy), Alternative Energy Development Board (AEDB), Islamabad; Brig. (R) Aslam Khan, President, Rural Development Foundation Pakistan (RDFP), Islamabad; Dr. Baqer Raza, Former Director

Associate Professor, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad; Ms. Sumaira Gul, CEO Akhtar Hameed Khan Memorial Trust, Rawalpindi; Ms. Maira Razzaq, Assistant Director, NCRD; Engr. Hammad Safdar, CEO, Eagle Power Solution Pvt. Ltd., Islamabad; and Mr. Salman Nazir,



Group Photo of Training Participants with Director (Trg.), NCRD & Course Coordinator

General, Pakistan Council of Renewable Energy Technologies (PCRET), Islamabad; Engr. Asad Mahmood, Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (REEE) Expert, Islamabad; Mr. Aamir Hussain, CEO, Tesla Industries (Pvt) Ltd, Islamabad; Mr. Nisar A. Latif, CEO Solar Sigma Ltd., Islamabad; Dr. Malik Badshah,

Head of Operations & Business Development, Renewable Resources Pvt Ltd, Islamabad. Additionally, a field visit to National Agriculture Research Centre (NARC) was also organized for the purpose of providing exposure to the participants.

While addressing the participants during the concluding ceremony, Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan Niazi, Director (Trg.), NCRD emphasized the importance of continued collaboration and innovation in harnessing alternative energy resources to meet the growing global energy demand sustainably.

Training Course on “Small and Medium Enterprises for Employment Generation”

Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) play a pivotal role in employment generation, fostering economic growth and stability. These enterprises, often nimble and adaptable, serve as significant contributors to job creation, particularly in developing economies. By providing diverse opportunities and promoting entrepreneurship, SMEs not only fuel local economies but also contribute to poverty alleviation. Their ability to adapt to market demands and innovative solutions makes them crucial engines for sustainable employment, thus fostering a more inclusive and resilient workforce.

In this context, NCRD organized a five days' training course on “Small and Medium Enterprises for Employment Generation” from October 30–November 03, 2023. The training program was attended by 35 participants from diverse backgrounds and areas the country.

Some of the eminent resource persons invited to deliver technical sessions during the programme included: Mr. Shahid Zia Cheema, Chief

(Employment & Research), Ministry of Planning, Developing & Special Initiatives, Islamabad; Mr. Rizwan Bashir, Director, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Islamabad; Mr. Hassam Ud Din, Chief Executive Officer/Entrepreneur, GeoAirCon Pvt. Ltd., Ms. Erum Rizvi, Trainer, Pathfinder; Mr. Zahid Mahmood, Management Consultant, Is-

lamabad and Mr. Muhammad Kashif, Specialist Horticulture, ZTBLF, Islamabad. During the sessions, the concept of the role of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in generating employment opportunities and government policies was thoroughly explored. Additionally, discussions delved into the significance of small and household manufacturing industries (SHMI) in Pakistan's economic landscape. Attendees gained insights into the journey from ideation to commercialization, emphasizing the pivotal role of soft skills in the success of SMEs. Furthermore, participants examined the causes of startup failures and explored potential solutions. An overview of SDG 8, focusing on decent work and economic growth, provided a broader context for understanding the importance of SMEs in achieving sustainable development goals. Lastly, discussions also centered around the abundant opportunities for SMEs in the agriculture sector, highlighting its potential for growth and innovation.

Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan Niazi, Director Training, during the concluding ceremony, thanked the participants for their active participation and valuable contributions to the training, recognizing their pivotal role in advancing understanding and implementation of SME strategies discussed throughout the sessions, thereby fostering economic growth and employment opportunities.



Training Participants with the Training Coordinator, Ms. Kiran Butt (Senior Librarian, NCRD)

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Training Workshop on “Human Development for Socio-Economic Progress”

Human development serves as the cornerstone for driving socio-economic progress, as empowered individuals are essential agents of change within communities. By investing in education, healthcare, and skill development, societies can unlock the potential of their citizens, fostering innovation, productivity, and inclusive growth. A focus on human development not only enhances individual well-being but also promotes social cohesion and economic resilience, laying a solid foundation for sustainable development and prosperity.

Keeping in mind the above-mentioned purpose, NCRD organized a three days' training workshop on “Human Development for Socio-Economic Progress” from November 06-08, 2023, which was attended by 45 participants from different regions of the country.

The course covered a diverse range of topics, beginning with an examination of human devel-

opment and economic growth within a comparative framework. Discussions extended to the alignment of national goals with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), emphasizing the importance of targeted strategies for advancing

ly examined as impediments to progress, while highlighting the significance of social and emotional well-being in human development. Human security, human rights, and gender justice emerged as crucial pillars for inclusive socio-economic development, underscoring the imperative of addressing disparities and fostering responsible citizenship. The course underscored the vital role of education in human capital formation and poverty eradication, aiming to bridge disparities and promote community participation in the pursuit of holistic human development in Pakistan.

In the end, the participants lauded the valuable efforts of NCRD in holding a workshop on human development.

They also thanked NCRD for fostering meaningful discussions and providing the opportunity to learn various dimensions of human development, equipping them with insights and strategies to contribute effectively to socio-economic progress in Pakistan.



Group Photo of Training Participants with Director General and Director (Trg.), NCRD

human development. Government policies and initiatives aimed at enhancing human welfare were analyzed, alongside an exploration of key metrics such as the Human Development Index (HDI). Moral and ethical considerations were also critical-

Training Course on “Emerging Trends in Smart Agriculture Practices”

Emerging trends in smart agriculture practices signify a paradigm shift towards sustainable and technology-driven approaches in farming. Integrating advanced technologies into agricultural practices allows for real-time monitoring, efficient resource utilization, and data-driven decision-making. Smart agriculture also encompasses practices like vertical farming, hydroponics, and urban agriculture, catering to the growing demand for food in urban areas while conserving land and water resources. Overall, these innovative trends herald a new era of agriculture in the face of evolving global challenges.

Keeping in view the importance of the subject, NCRD organized a five days’ training course on “Emerging Trends in Smart Agriculture Practices” from November 20-24, 2023 which was

attended by 29 participants from different regions of the country.

During the technical sessions, the resource persons delved into topics that ranged from fundamental

The session also addressed the integration of intelligent farming systems through GIS and remote sensing in modern agriculture, as well as the significance of exploring climate-smart agriculture strategies tailored to Pakistan's unique environment. Furthermore, precision agriculture and the application of variable rate technology (VRT) in Pakistan were examined, aiming to optimize resource utilization and enhance productivity. The overview of permaculture and digital marketing tools and platforms for the agriculture sector provided



Training Participants during the Field Visit to UAAR Labs

concepts and practices to cutting-edge technologies such as digital agriculture, smart IoT farm technology, and UAV applications in agriculture. Additionally, solutions for energy and water resource management in agriculture were discussed.

participants with insights into holistic approaches to farming and effective market engagement. Overall, the session offered a comprehensive overview of smart agriculture concepts and practices, equipping participants with valuable knowledge and strategies to navigate the evolving landscape of agricultural innovation.

Training Course on “Social Safety Net Policies– New Imperatives”

NCRD organized a five days’ training course on ‘Social Safety Net Policies– New Imperatives’ from December 11-15, 2023. A total of 24 participants from all parts of the country attended the course.

Throughout the course, a diverse array of resource persons shared their expertise on various aspects of social safety nets and sustainable economic development.

The resource persons included Mr. Shahid Zia Cheema, Chief (Employment & Research), Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives, Islamabad; Mr. Haseeb Ahmed Kiyani, Senior Consultant, Benazir Income Support Programme, Islamabad; Dr. Muhammad Zaheer Khan (Ph.D), Deputy Director, Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal, Islamabad; Mr. Muqaddas Tanveer Cheema, Director, Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Islamabad; Mr. Saeed Ahmed Raza, Deputy Director, Pakistan Bait-ul-

- Mal, Islamabad; Mr. Hamid Athar Malik, President, Al-Khidmat Foundation, Islamabad; Mr. Arshad Mehmood, Manager Projects, Akhuwat Foundation, Islamabad; and Mr. Mushahid Hussain, Co-Founder, Centangle Interactive Pvt.

lighting prominent programs such as the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) and Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal. Additionally, the role of non-governmental organizations like Al-Khidmat Foundation and Akhuwat Foundation in social safety and poverty alleviation was explored, providing participants with valuable case studies. The course also addressed the importance of adapting to technological advancements for efficient social welfare programs, emphasizing the need for innovative approaches in addressing societal challenges. Overall, the sessions offered a comprehensive understanding of social safety nets and their significance in promoting sustainable economic development and social welfare in Pakistan.



Training Participants along with Director (Trg.) NCRD, Deputy Director (T) and Course Coordinator

Ltd., Islamabad.

Topics ranged from theoretical perspectives on social safety nets to practical insights on their design, implementation, and common interventions. The sessions delved into the policies, initiatives, and best practices in social safety nets, high-

The training participants appreciated NCRD’s efforts in organizing informative sessions led by experienced resource persons, enhancing their understanding of social safety nets and sustainable economic development.

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Training Course on “Food Security– Issues & Mitigation Strategies”

NCRD organized a five days’ training course on “Food Security– Issues and Mitigation Strategies” from December 18-22, 2023 which was attended by 28 participants from different regions of the country.

During the technical sessions, Ms. Maira Razzaq, Assistant Director NCRD, shed light on the intricacies of food availability, access, affordability, and nutrition, along with the current status and factors influencing food security in Pakistan. Dr. Haroon Sarwar, Economic Consultant from the Ministry of National Food Security & Research, Islamabad, discussed the role of agriculture in Pakistan for enhancing

food and nutrition security. Dr. Atta-Ur-Rehman Khan, Consultant Nutritionist and Chairman of SIGNS International, offered insights into global perspectives on food security and the roles of national and international organizations. Ms. Anam Akram, Assistant

Director at NCRD, explored the intersection of gender and food security. Dr. Aslam Gill, Former Food Security Commissioner, delved into the challenges and strategies associated with national food

at the Global Climate Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC), Ministry of Climate Change, highlighted the impact of climate change on food and nutrition security in Pakistan. Engr. Zafar Iqbal Wattoo, Director, Rehman Habib Consultants Pvt. Ltd, Lahore, addressed the challenges and solutions related to water for food security. Finally, Mr. Fahid Imtiaz, Deputy Manager (Agro-Food) at the National Productivity Organization, Islamabad, shared insights into rehabilitating agriculture and promoting food security in Pakistan.

During the concluding ceremony, participants praised the insightful discussions



Ms. Maira, Assistant Director NCRD, while Conducting a Session during the Training Course

on food security and resolved to embrace digital platforms to tackle contemporary challenges effectively. This commitment reflects their proactive approach to finding innovative solutions and underscores their dedication to ensuring the availability and accessibility of nutritious food for all.

Dr. M. Iqbal Anjum, Principal Scientific Officer from Land Resource Centre, Animal Science Institute, NARC, Islamabad, discussed the pivotal role of the livestock and poultry sector in ensuring food security. Mr. M. Arif Rasheed Goheer, Head of the Agriculture Section

Annual Training Plan 2023-24

NCRD formulates its Annual Training Plan (ATP) as per the regular financial year (July-June) in the country. With the advent of the financial year 2023-24, NCRD has developed ATP 2023-24 listing the number of training programmes to be conducted during the year.

A total of 40 training programmes have been planned for this year that consist of national and international training programmes as well as seminars and webinars. They are designed under following themes:

- Socio-economic Justice & Accountability
- Good Governance
- Natural Resource Management
- Project Development

- Gender Mainstreaming
- Poverty Alleviation
- Human Development
- Disaster Risk Reduction & Management
- Waste Management
- Climate Change



- Library Management
- Nation Building & Responsible Citizenship
- Rapid Urbanization
- Digital skills and digitalization
- Research Methodologies & Techniques
- Professional Ethics & Management Skills

In order to attend training programmes conducted by NCRD, the interested candidates are required to send official nomination letters via post, fax or email to the Office of Director General, NCRD, Park Road, Chak Shahzad,

Islamabad, from their respective organizations / departments. Moreover, the international training programmes that NCRD plans to host in collaboration with African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) during 2023-24 include: ‘Disaster Management and Climate Change Adaptation’ and ‘Irrigation Systems and Water Management’.

Training Programmes at NCRD During January-March, 2024

Sr. No.	Training Program	Dates	Coordinator
1.	Socioeconomic Development & SDGs' Status	Jan 01-05, 2024	Ms. Maira Razzaq, Assistant Director 051-9255158
2.	Artificial Intelligence in Libraries	Jan 08-12, 2024	Ms. Kiran Butt, Senior Librarian 051-9255194
3.	Gender Mainstreaming for Socioeconomic Development	Jan 15-19, 2024	Mr. Bilal Raza, Assistant Director 051-9255167
4.	Livestock Management for Poverty Alleviation	Jan 22-26 2024	Mr. Mubasshir Zaman Khan, Deputy Director (T) 051-9255187
5.	Solid Waste Management- From Waste to Wealth	Jan 29-Feb 02, 2024	Ms. Maira Razzaq, Assistant Director 051-9255158
6.	Disaster Management- Issues & Strategies	Feb 12-16, 2024	Ms. Maira Razzaq, Assistant Director 051-9255158
7.	Professional Ethics for Efficiency and Management	Feb 12-16, 2024	Ms. Kiran Butt, Senior Librarian 051-9255194
8.	International Training Program in Collaboration with AARDO on 'Irrigation Systems and Water Management'	Feb 27-Mar 07, 2024	Mr. Bilal Raza, Assistant Director 051-9255167

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