

**Dr. Shaik N. Meera** has notable professional accomplishments in the field of digital agriculture and extension systems, with substantial international experience. With unique blend of domain expertise in ICT and extension, he led large scale impact acceleration efforts in India and abroad.

During 2020-22, he worked as Senior Technical Expert (Digital Agriculture and Extension Systems) at International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). He designed and deployed innovative digital extension strategies and programs across the rural value chains in 18 countries in Near East, North Africa, Central Asia and Europe (NEN) region. He extended technical support to national and International organizations in modernizing their extension programs with Mobile and Cloud Computing.

During 2003-2020, he led 14 large-scale extension, ICT and development projects. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) recognized the Rice Knowledge Management Portal developed by him as Consortium Leader, as one of the best use case of digital applications in agriculture (B: C Ratio of 1.46:1).

As National Coordinator of Indian Frontline Demonstrations Program, Dr. Meera coordinated 10,640 FLDs with 106 AICRIP centres and 54 KVKs and had introduced 375 new rice varieties/ hybrids, benefitting 26,600 rice farmers directly.

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