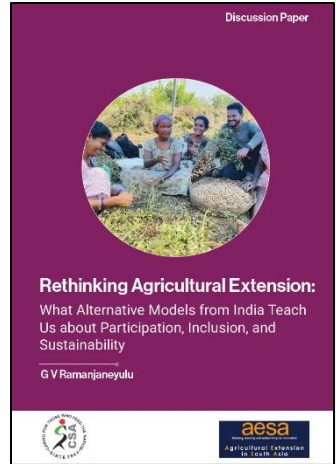


From October 2025 to March 2026, Agricultural Extension in South Asia (AESA) participated in webinars, workshops, and meetings and published several outputs.

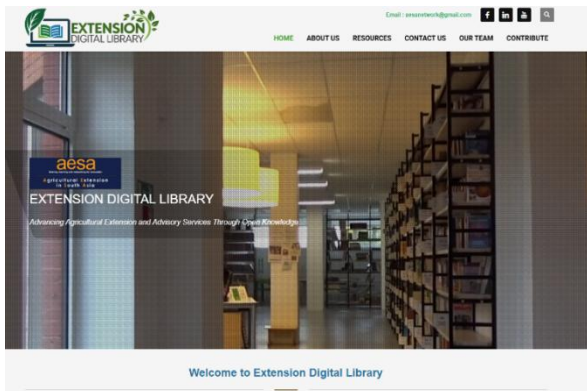
### Knowledge Management

AESA published various content on its website, including 15 blogs, 5 good practice notes, 3 book reviews, 7 course reviews, 5 meeting notes, and 4 interviews. It also promotes knowledge exchange via Facebook, LinkedIn, X, WhatsApp, Instagram, and email. Additionally, AESA released a discussion paper on “Rethinking Agricultural Extension: What alternative models for India Teach Us about Participation, Inclusion and Sustainability”. AESA is also handling the knowledge management functions of APIRAS ([www.apiras.net](http://www.apiras.net)).



### Extension Digital Library

The Extension Digital Library (EDL), developed under the AESA Network, is an open-access platform that advances agricultural extension and advisory services (AEAS) by providing curated resources for practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and development professionals. The library organises content by

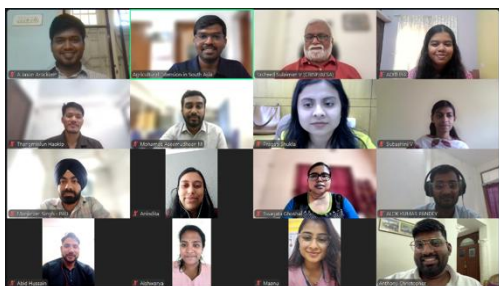


theme and geography, covering subjects like agroecology, climate change, gender, ICTs, nutrition, value chains, and youth engagement to ensure relevance in agricultural development. It features collections for eight South Asian countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives,

Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. Besides curating existing materials, the EDL invites contributors to share openly available resources, fostering a collaborative, growing knowledge base.

## AESA Volunteer Programme: Inaugural Cohort

AESA encouraged agricultural graduates, postgraduates, and early-career professionals to join the flexible, virtual AESA Volunteer Programme, aimed at boosting agricultural extension systems in the region. Its first volunteer cohort was welcomed with an orientation in late March 2026, marking the program's launch. The diverse participants share a commitment to enhancing agricultural



extension knowledge exchange across South Asia. The programme engages volunteers at three levels—from social media and editorial roles to webinar facilitation and expert mentoring—to support AESA's mission. Volunteers will help expand extension knowledge in eight South Asian countries by contributing to blogs, good practice notes, course reviews, and the Extension Digital Library.

## Workshops

AESA has been providing technical support to the AFACI-supported RATES (Improvement of Rural Agricultural Technology Extension System in Asia)



project implementation in 12 Asian Countries. AESA also participated in the 2025 AFACI Project Evaluation Workshop held in Tashkent from 13 to 17 October.

Mahesh Chander represented AESA during the 15th GFRAS Annual Conference, held at Dakar, Senegal, 10-13 Nov, 2025. AESA also served as a Panellist at the APAARI webinar on “Recognising Women Farmers in Research and Extension” on 30 March 2026, bringing together global perspectives on advancing gender equality in agriculture.

