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Basheerhamad Shadrach is known to colleagues as Shaddy. He has worked since 1986 for a variety of organisations in South Asia and Europe prior to joining IDRC as the Asia Senior Program Officer for telecentre.org in June 2006. Shaddy's pioneering efforts in the field of Information and Communication for development include the creation of an online news indexing system for the Indian Express group; developing the first ever Indian online development community, indev; organising the first ever South Asian ICT conference, Tasknet; and, the launch of the first ever global anti corruption Portal, CORIS. Shaddy has held several senior positions such as the member of Transparency International's Senior Management team, member of the Management Committee of OneWorld International Network and the Secretary of Mission 2007, a national coalition that aspires to provide each and every village in India with access to knowledge centres. Shaddy advises several NGOs and professional bodies in South Asia. Shaddy's work towards developing the Pondicherry Framework for assessing rural ICT initiatives has earned him a Ph.D. from Loughborough University in the UK.