

Sindh Resettlement & Rehabilitation (R&R) Policy implementation Progress Bulletin as of September 30, 2024

Introduction:

- ❑ P&D Department vide notification dated August 23, 2023 established Desk in PCMU-Directorate of Sindh Water Sector & Barrages improvement in order to attend the operational and functional matters related to the implementation of Sindh Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) Policy-2023
- ❑ The first ever Sindh Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) Policy prepared and approved by Government of Sindh on March 21, 2023 and notified by P&D Department on June 13, 2023.
- ❑ Sindh is the first Province to have the policy in the Country.
- ❑ Policy applicable on all Provincial & Federal Government Projects.

Objective:

- ❑ To avoid and minimize displacement and resettlement by exploring alternative options.
- ❑ To provide adequate compensation, resettlement and rehabilitation assistance.
- ❑ To ensure that the need for displacement and corresponding compensation, resettlement and rehabilitation is identified at the project identification stage and appropriately planned for in the project design at an early stage

Current Month Progress

- ❑ Two technical team members of World Bank visited PCMU Karachi on September 9-11, 2024 discussed second phase trainings Program on policy implementation, planned in December 2024.
- ❑ PCMU organized consultative meetings of World Bank team members on September 09-11, 2024 with mid level officers of various departments: Irrigation, Agriculture Supply & Prices, Works & Services and Local Government.
- ❑ Arranged meeting on September 13, 2024 at PCMU with team of the Sindh Solar Energy Project, Energy department, discussed implementation of Abbreviated Resettlement Action Plan of Project.
- ❑ PCMU team participated virtually meeting held on September 12, 2024 with World Bank team headed by International Resettlement Specialist discussed and reviewed second phase of trainings Program on policy implementation, planned in December 2024.



Updated Status

- Policy Document translated in Sindhi language and printed copies have been shared with all the concerned Provincial departments / Offices / Authorities, Divisional Commissioners in August 2024.
- Policy document printed in English already shared with all the concerned departments / offices /authorities of the Provincial & Federal Government and placed on website of P&D Department.
- World Bank team facilitates the Government of Sindh for dissemination and implementation of policy
- Consultative meetings of World Bank experts with senior officers of concerned departments i-e P&D Department, Irrigation Departments, Commissioner Karachi Division, Board of Revenue & Human settlement Department were arranged in month of Feb. 2024
- Follow-up Consultative meetings with Mid-level officers of concerned departments of provincial & federal government and their attached bodies (Seven Departments, Eleven Authorities and two federal government) were also held in Month of March 2024
- PCMU in collaboration with World Bank organized five days' series of consultative trainings workshop on Sindh R&R Policy held on 13-17 May 2024 at Karachi participated by Secretary Irrigation, Agriculture, P&D, Commissioner Karachi Division and Members P&D Board and around 200 officials from various government departments/ offices.
- In pursuance of compliance of Federal Government letter dated: May 21, 2024 regarding status of indigenous people issued adopted by Un Committee, the response received from PD, Malir Expressway obtained and shared with P&D Department for onward submission to federal government.



Next Step:

- Policy document has been printed in local language of Sindhi and printing in Urdu language is underway will be shared with the concerned departments / offices /authorities of the Provincial & Federal Government by August, 2024.
- Arrangement of workshops for dissemination of policy at divisional level and first workshop will be held at Mirpurkas in 1st quarter of 2024-25.
- Customized consultative training workshops will be arranged for around 80 officials of various offices of Sindh Government in collaboration of World Bank team in 2nd.Quarter of 2024-25.
- Training of Trainers (ToT) will be arranged for 120 officials in 4th Quarter of 2024-25.