

Sindh Resettlement & Rehabilitation (R&R) Policy implementation Progress Bulletin as of November 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 Update

- ❑ During the month World Bank Resettlement & Rehabilitation team visited Karachi from November 14-25, 2024. The team comprised Dr. Mohammad Zaman International Resettlement Expert, Mr. Imran-ul-Haq Social Development Specialist, Mr. Aman Ahmed Social Development Consultant and Mr. Mohammad Moen Institutional Development Consultant.
- ❑ The purpose of visit was to discuss next training programs of Phase II & Phase-III on policy implementation, synchronization of R&R policy with GoS Planning and establishing the institutional arrangements.
- ❑ PCMU organized various consultative meetings of World Bank team with different departments / organizations of Government of Sindh, including Planning & Development Department, Transport & Mass Transit Department, Energy Department and Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC).
- ❑ World Bank R&R team visited NED University Karachi and met with Officials on November 21 & 22, 2024 discussed the training program on Policy Implementation to be organized through newly established Center of Environment & Social Sciences (CESS) at NED University Karachi.
- ❑ The Wrap-up meeting with Chairman P&D Board was held on November 22, 2024, participated by Secretary (Planning) and PCMU team discussed the way forward of policy implementation and institutional arrangements.
- ❑ The Concluding meeting was held on November 25, 2024 with Project Coordinator & team of PCMU, participated by representative from NED university discussed the details of arrangements & logistic support of trainings, expected to held in end of February 2025 at NED University City campus.



Overall Updated Status

- ❑ PCMU team participated virtually meeting held on October 04, 2024 with World Bank team headed by International Resettlement Specialist discussed and reviewed second phase of trainings Program on policy implementation, planned in 3rd quarter of 2024-25
- ❑ 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 3rd quarter of 2024-25
- ❑ 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 Soler Energy Project , Energy department, discussed implementation of Abbreviated Resettlement Action Plan of Project.



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- ❑ Arranged meeting on September 13, 2024 at PCMU with team of the Sindh Soler Energy Project , Energy department, discussed implementation of Abbreviated Resettlement Action Plan of Project.
- ❑ World Bank team facilitates the Government of Sindh for dissemination and implementation of policy
- ❑ 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.
- ❑ Policy document printed in Sindhi Language and shared with all the concerned departments / offices /authorities of the Provincial & Federal Government and placed on website of P&D Department in month of August 2024 and English version is already shared.



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- ❑ Consultative meetings of World Bank experts with senior officers of concerned departments i-e P&D, irrigation, Commissioner Karachi Division, Board of Revenue & Human settlement Department 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:

- ❑ Arrangement of workshop for dissemination of policy at divisional level and will be held at Mirpurkas in second quarter of 2024-25.
- ❑ Customized consultative training workshops will be arranged for around 35-40 officials of various offices of Sindh Government in collaboration of World Bank team in 3rd. Quarter of 2024-25.
- ❑ Training of Trainers (ToT) will be arranged for 25-30 officials in 4th Quarter of 2024-25.