

## **Sindh Resettlement & Rehabilitation (R&R) Policy implementation Progress Bulletin as of January 31, 2025**

### **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 Projects being implemented by Provincial & Federal Government .

### **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

### **Update progress (Current Month January, 2025)**

- PCMU team managed and participated in the meetings organized by World Bank team held virtually on January 16 & 27 2025 discussed & finalized arrangement of second phase trainings program scheduled to be held on 24-27 Feb. 2025.
- The meetings were participated by World Bank technical team, NED University team, and officials/focal person of selected ongoing donor funded projects of Sindh Barrage Improvement Project (SBIP) , Sindh Solar Energy Project (SSEP), Red Line Project (RLP), Yellow Line Project (YLP), Solid Waste Emergency & Efficiency Project (SWEEP), and Sindh Water and Agriculture Transformation (SWAT) Project to present their case studies of the projects during the second phase training program.
- The World Bank have contracted with NED University (Center for Environmental and Social Sustainability-CESS).The center will arrange the upcoming second phase trainings program on the February 24-27, 2025
- In accordance with the discussions /decisions of the above meetings following actions have accordingly been taken by PCMU:
  - Coordinated and collected Power Point Presentations (PPTs) of case studies from all five projects focal persons and shared with the World Bank team.
  - Finalized list of 50 officials of various Government Departments / Offices who will participate in upcoming second phase training program scheduled on February 24-27, 2025 and list shared with World Bank and NED University.
  - Provided 70 Nos printed copies of Sindh R&R Policy to NED University to be used in during the training workshop.

### Overall Updated Progress

- Policy document printed in English & Sindhi Language are shared with all the concerned departments / offices /authorities of the Provincial & Federal Governments and placed on website of P&D Department.
- World Bank is providing support to the Government of Sindh by deployment of team of experts led by International Resettlement Specialist for dissemination and implementation of policy actions.
- In this regard Consultative meetings of World Bank team with senior officers of concerned departments i- e P&D , irrigation , Commissioner Karachi Division, Board of Revenue & Human settlement were arranged in month of Feb. 2024.
- Follow-up Consultative meetings of World Bank team with Mid-level officers of concerned departments of Provincial & Federal Governments and their attached bodies (Seven Departments, Eleven Authorities and two federal government) were also arranged in month of March 2024.
- 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.

### Continue Overall Updated Progress

- 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 of P&D Board and around 200 officials from various government departments / offices.



- 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.
- PCMU organized consultative meetings of World Bank team members on September 09-11, 2024 with mid level officers of various departments: Irrigation, Agriculture, Works & Services and Local Govt.

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- ❑ 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 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. of 2024-25



- ❑ 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.

- ❑ 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 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2024-25.

- ❑ In pursuance of compliance with the actions outlined in Chapters 12 and 13 of the Sindh Resettlement & Rehabilitation Policy 2023, correspondence has been initiated with various government departments and requested to nominate the focal person for ease of communication from respective departments of GoS.

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- ❑ 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 Government of Sindh 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).

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□ PCMU and 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 of World Bank R&R team 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 of World Bank R&R team 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.

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□ PCMU team participated virtually meeting held on December 13, 2024, with World Bank technical team & NED team discussed and reviewed training Program for second and third to be held in Feb. & April 2025.

□ PCMU vide letter dated December 16, 2024, requested to the concerned departments / offices of Government of Sindh for nomination their senior / mid level officer for the upcoming of second phase of the training expected to be held in the Month of February 2025. The first phase of the training program was held in May 2024 for five days ' at Karachi and participated by Secretary Irrigation, Agriculture, P&D, Commissioner Karachi Division and Members P&D Board and around 200 officials from various government departments/ offices.

□ Coordinated with different Project Offices for getting the details of the experts for the presentations in the upcoming second phase of the trainings and will be held in Feb. 2025. Projects are : Sindh Barrage Improvement Project , Sindh Soler Energy Project , Competitive and livable City of Karachi Project, Solid Waste Emergency & Efficiency Project, Sindh Water and Agriculture Transformation Project.

**Next Step:**

- Training workshops for the Second phase of the training (Sector Specific Training) will be arranged for around 40-50 officials of various offices of Sindh Government in collaboration of World Bank team on February 24-27, 2025
- Third phase of the Training (Training of Trainers-ToT) will be arranged for 25-30 officials in month of April / May 2025