

Sindh Resettlement & Rehabilitation (R&R) Policy implementation Progress Bulletin as of June-30, 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

Updated Progress of Current Month (June 2025)

During the current month major task of Sindh R&R policy-2023 was completed :

- PCMU team in collaboration with the World Bank Team organized a four-days training workshop titled Training of Trainers (ToT) on Sindh R&R Policy-2023.
 - Training of Trainers (ToT) was held on June 25-28, 2025, virtually -two hours per day.
 - Total 35 participants attended the Training including 30 Government Officers and 5 Civil Society Representatives.
 - Training delivered by the renowned International Resettlement Expert Dr. Mohammad Zaman with his team and supported by team of PCMU.
 - The Closing Ceremony of the ToT was participated by the senior officials of the PCMU, lead by Project Coordinator Mr. Nazeer Ahmed Memon
 - PCMU team led by the Project Coordinator, participated a virtual meeting organized by the World Bank technical team for the finalizing the preparatory work of the third phase of training series, titled 'Training of Trainers' (ToT) held on June 16, 2025.

Overall Updated Progress

- ❑ Policy document printed in English & Sindhi Languages and are shared with all the concerned departments / offices /authorities of the Provincial & Federal Governments and placed on website of P&D Department.
- ❑ Final version of the Addendum of Sindh Planning Manual has been drafted by PCMU team with support of the World Bank (R&R Technical Team) in accordance with the discussions and consultative meetings held with P&D Department officers. Draft Addendum submitted to the Chairman P&D Board for further process of action at department level.
- ❑ The Handbook on the Sindh Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy has been developed by the World Bank technical team as a practical guide to facilitate the planning, management, and implementation of resettlement and rehabilitation processes for development projects across Sindh.
- ❑ The 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.

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- ❑ PCMU team arranged the consultative meetings of World Bank team with senior officers of concerned departments i-e P&D Irrigation & Agriculture, Commissioner Karachi Division, Board of Revenue & Human settlement were arranged in month of February 2024.
- ❑ Arranged the follow-up Consultative meetings of World Bank team with Mid-level 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.
- ❑ PCMU team Facilitated and participated in a meeting between the World Bank's Regional Standards Coordinator, Mr. Warren Paul Mayes, and the Chairman of the Planning & Development (P&D) Board, Government of Sindh, on April 15, 2024. The primary agenda of the meeting was to discuss the implementation of the Sindh Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy 2023.
- ❑ 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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❑ The World Bank R&R team has visited the Karachi and conducted the meetings with various departments i-e Karachi Metropolitan Corporation, Energy Department, Irrigation, Department for the second of the training which is scheduled from February 24-27, Feb. 2025 and the Wrap-up meeting of the World Bank R&R team with Chairman P&D Board was held on November 20, 2024, participated by Secretary (Planning) and PCMU team discussed the way forward of policy implementation and institutional arrangements.



❑ The World Bank Practice Manager Ms. Anna C. O'Donnell, accompanied with Mr. Imran Ul Haq, Social Development Specialist, visited the PCMU office on March 11, 2025 and held meeting with team of PCMU, discussed updates on the implementation of the Sindh Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy with support of World Bank.

❑ The PCMU team led by Project Coordinator Mr. Nazeer Ahmed Memon delivered a presentation to officers of the district administration of Karachi division on the Sindh Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy-2023 on desire of the Commissioner Karachi. The presentation held virtually on May 25, 2025 and participated by Additional Commissioner-I, Deputy Commissioner, Additional Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners, and Mukhtarkars from all districts of the Karachi division.



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❑ 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 in collaboration with World Bank Team and NED University organized a four-day training workshop held on February 24-27, 2025 on implementation of Sindh R&R Policy at newly established CESS at NED University City Campus Karachi. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Najam Ahmed Shah Chairman, P&D Board accompanied with Mr. Nazeer Ahmed Memon, Project Coordinator PCMU, P&D Department Government of Sindh and attended by around 55 officials from various government departments / offices.

