

Sindh Resettlement & Rehabilitation (R&R) Policy implementation Progress Bulletin as of Septemebr-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

Current Month Update (September 2025)

- ❑ The World Bank Regional Manager, Environment & Social (Ms. Senait Aseefa) accompanied by Mr. Imran ul Haq Senior Social Development Specialist, World Bank, Islamabad, visited Karachi on 17 September 2025. The team met with Mr. Najam Ahmed Shah, Chairman, P&D Board, and senior officers of PCMU, Government of Sindh. The deliberations focused on the Implementation of the Sindh Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy-2023, and the significance of Environmental and Social (E&S) safeguards, and alignment with the World Bank's Environmental and Social Policy.
 - Ms. Assefa appreciated the efforts of the Government of Sindh on the development and implementation of the Sindh Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy-2023.
 - The Chairman acknowledged the support of the World Bank in the implementation of the policy* by arranging the stakeholders' consultation process program.



Current Month Update (September 2025)

- ❑ The (PCMU) P&D Department, Government of Sindh, with the support of the Commissioner Mirpurkhas Division and in partnership with local NGO (M/s SRPO), organized a one-day awareness-raising workshop on 23 September 2025 in Mirpurkhas.
- The workshop focused to enhance stakeholders' understanding of the policy framework, its implementation mechanisms, and alignment with local and international development Projects. The event witnessed the participation of a large number of officials from government departments, representatives from non-governmental organizations (NGOs), civil society groups, and the corporate sector.
- The Project Coordinator PCMU, Additional Commissioner-I Mirpurkhas Division; the Additional Deputy Commissioner-II, District Mirpurkhas, the Director, Nara Canal, and the Director Agriculture graced the occasion and shared their views and comments.



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. 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.
- ❑ Reviewed PC-1 of the Corrective Action plan, Resettlement Project, and E&S GAP of K-IV main phase-I (260 MGD) of Karachi Water and Sewage Services Improvements Project-II, submitted by KW&SC.



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- ❑ The World Bank R&R team has visited Karachi and conducted the meetings With various departments, i-e, Karachi Metropolitan Corporation, Energy Department, Irrigation, Department for the second part 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 the Secretary (Planning) and the PCMU team, discussed the way forward for policy implementation and institutional arrangements.
- ❑ The World Bank Practice Manager, Ms. Anna C. O'Donnell, accompanied by Mr. Imran Ul Haq, Social Development Specialist, visited the PCMU office on March 11, 2025, and held a meeting with the team of PCMU, discussed updates on the implementation of the Sindh Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy with the support of the 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 the desire of the Commissioner Karachi. The presentation was held virtually on 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.



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□ The Resettlement and Rehabilitation Unit arranged a ceremony for the Certificate Distribution, which was held on July 15, 2025 at PCMU Karachi, successful completion of the Training of Trainers (ToT).

- Training of Trainers (ToT) was held on June 25-28, 2025, with support of the World Bank Technical team.
- Chief Guests, Mr. Mohammad Aslam Soomro and Mr. Rafique Mustafa Shaikh, along with other senior officials of PCMU, graced the occasion.
- A total of 33 participants attended the ToT, including 28 Government Officers and 5 Civil Society Representatives.
- ToT Certificates were awarded to Trainees, and the event was concluded with remarks from Mr. Nazeer Ahmed Memon, Project Coordinator.

