

Sindh Resettlement & Rehabilitation (R&R) Policy implementation Progress Bulletin as of December-31, 2025

Introduction:

- 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 .
- 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 P&D Department has approved the PC-1 for providing necessary resources for strgthening and functioning of R&R desk / unit at PCMU

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

Overall Updated Progress

- Policy document printed in English & Sindhi and also shared with all the concerned departments/offices/authorities of the Provincial & Federal Governments and placed on website of the P&D Department. <https://pcmu.gos.pk/randr/>
- The Handbook on the Policy implementation has been developed and is placed on the Website of the PCMU <https://pcmu.gos.pk/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/RR-draft-Handbook.pdf>
- Draft Addendum of Sindh Planning Manual developed and submitted to the P&D department for further process of action at the departmental level.
- Delivered a presentation to officers of the district administration of Karachi Division on the Policy implementation held virtually on May 25, 2025, participated by Additional Commissioner-I, Deputy Commissioner, Additional Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners, and Mukhtarkars from all districts of the Karachi division.

Overall Updated Progress

In collaboration with the World Bank, organized the following workshops / Trainings:

- Five five-day series of consultative training workshops held on May 13-14, 2024. and around 200 officials from various government departments /offices.
- Four-day training workshop held on February 24-27, 2025, and attended by around 55 officials from various government departments/offices.
- Training of Trainers (ToT) was held on June 25-28, 2025, virtually and attended by the 33 Officers and civil society representatives.
- The reports of workshops have been submitted formally and placed on the website of PCMU

Current month updates (December 2025)

Project Directors of development projects of different departments of the GoS have been contacted through a letter dated December 15, 2025, along with a proforma, to obtain information on resettlement and land acquisition activities of their respective projects. This is intended to ensure uniform application of the Policy, maintain an updated database of all relevant Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) activities, and provide an accurate status report to the Government of Sindh.