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Training Workshop on

SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RESETTLEMENT PLANNING

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Background

Projects launched without the prior knowledge of their possible consequences often produce unintended hardships for the project area people. There is now a growing concern that projects designed to promote development are so conducted that they do not generate any adverse impacts, and in particular, do not disadvantage the poorer groups. This has given rise to the need to understand beforehand the likely adverse impacts of proposed development interventions and the need to prepare resettlement plans to mitigate any adverse impacts that may result from such assessments.

Workshop Theme

The Council for Social Development (CSD), New Delhi has been conducting every year for well over a decade and a half training on one aspect of resettlement or the other with the aim of strengthening the planning and management capacity of resettlement practitioners. Much has happened in recent years in this field. Increased emphasis on infrastructure development in recent years has triggered much change in this field. Accordingly, the theme for the forthcoming annual workshop early next year will be ‘Social Impact Assessment and Resettlement Planning’.

Objectives of this Training Workshop

The objective of this workshop on ‘Social Impact Assessment and Resettlement Planning’ is to familiarize participants with newer, more effective ways of managing emerging resettlement challenges. Specifically, the broad objectives of this training in Social Impact Assessment and Resettlement Planning for the participants include the following:

- (a) To familiarize them with the concept of Social Impact Assessment,

- (b) To develop among them the skills required for identifying and assessing the social impacts of development projects, and
- (c) To provide training for them in preparing a Resettlement Plan.

Course Content

In light of the above objectives, the programme content has been designed to include, among others, the following main themes:

- Development, Displacement and Resettlement: Past, Present, and Future
- Social Impact Assessment: A Tool for Doing Development Better
- Planning a Resettlement Action Plan to Mitigate Negative Effects of Displacement
- Good Practices in Resettlement, including Benefit Sharing
- Do Private Sector and Public Sector address SIA and Resettlement Planning differently?

Participants

This workshop has been designed primarily for planners and practitioners from middle to senior levels dealing with social impact assessment and resettlement planning issues in government, private industry, and others concerned including non-governmental organizations (NGOs), research and training institutions.

Government personnel from central ministries of mining, industries, railways, highways, civil aviation, rural development, urban development, tribal welfare, forests and environment and officials from state governments working on projects that involve identification and assessment of social impacts and resettlement planning will find the workshop directly useful to their work.

The number of participants for this workshop is limited to 25.

Workshop Faculty

Reputed professionals will conduct the workshop from CSD, government, international development agencies, training and research Institutions and NGOs. Professor Hari Mohan Mathur from the Council will direct this workshop. Professor Ankita Goyal is the co-director of this programme.

Training Methodology

Emphasis in the Workshop will be on using methods of teaching that encourage active involvement of participants in the learning process. In addition to lecture-cum-discussion sessions, there will be case study presentations, experience sharing sessions, exercises, and group work.

Course Material

Participants will be provided a binder containing selected readings relevant to the Workshop theme. In addition, most resource persons will also provide handouts, printouts of their presentations.

Duration and Venue

This 3-day training workshop commences on 25th February 2020 and concludes on 27th February 2020.

The workshop will take place in India International Centre, 40 (Lodi Estate)/Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi 110003