

# CHALLENGES IN PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Land Acquisition and Social Considerations

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# Common Problems that Cause Delays in the Beginning of Project Implementation

- (i) Land acquisition
- (ii) Resettlement of affected persons



# Why do Land Acquisition and Resettlement cause delays?



We need **MORE TIME** to conduct  
the 3 Stages in Land Acquisition and  
Resettlement Activities

- Preparatory Stage
- Relocation Stage
- Rehabilitation Stage

# Preparatory Stage

- Conduct social, mapping and census survey
- Consultation
- Identification of APs
- Inventory of assets
- Entitlements
- Valuation of different assets
- Budget and cost estimates
- Implementation plan
- Institutional arrangements
- Submit land proposal to State Land Administration, etc.

# Implementation Stage

- Land acquisition
- Preparation of resettlement – sites and services
- Payment of compensation
- Delivery of entitlements
- Grievances handling
- Consultation
- Relocation, etc..

# Rehabilitation Stage

- Needs assessment survey for income restoration packages
- Initiation of income restoration/training programs
- Special attention to needs of vulnerable groups
- Consultation
- Assistance to establish social infrastructure and network
- Integration with the host community, etc.



# Key Principles of ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement

- Avoid Displacement
- Where it cannot be avoided, minimize displacement
- Compensate, Assist, Restore and Improve Livelihood
- Prepare and implement Resettlement Plan (RP) by "Clients"
- Full costs of resettlement should be included in project costs
- Stress on the need to inform and consult people about resettlement and compensation
- No civil works should commence prior to compensation and assistance paid to affected persons.

# Experiences in South Asia countries' Projects in Land Acquisition and Resettlement

- Land acquisition and resettlement is best done after approval of RP (prior to Loan Fact Finding, if possible)
- Some examples of efficient Land Acquisition and Implementation:
  - Prepare Detailed Design (including Land Acquisition Plan) of the project using Government's own resources-*IND Transport Sector Projects*
  - Institutional Set-up for Land Acquisition and Resettlement, engage retired land acquisition officer-*IND and BAN Transport Sector Projects*
  - Recruitment of Resettlement and Rehabilitation Consultant/Agency-*IND Bihar State Highway Project etc.*
  - Submission of Land Proposal to State Administration, start land acquisition activities-*BAN: Padma Multipurpose Bridge etc.*



# Other Social Considerations During Project Implementation

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1. Address other social considerations such as:
  - HIV/AIDS Awareness
  - Human Trafficking Awareness
  - Gender Action Plan
  - Child Labor, etc.
2. To increase efficiency, it is suggested to include social considerations in the TORs of R&R Consultant/Agency.

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Thank you!

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