

IAIA Special Symposium

# Resettlement and Livelihoods

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## SYMPOSIUM THEME AND OBJECTIVES

Every year millions of rural people are displaced in Asia due to the development of dams, infrastructure, mining, agriculture, and forestry. Governments are also displacing large communities of urban dwellers in order to make way for the development of mega-cities and to mitigate disaster risk. There is much evidence that many of the people displaced by large projects experience reduced wellbeing and impoverishment. Resettlement needs to be planned as a development opportunity and the challenge is how to move from a situation where most people's livelihoods are diminished to one where they are improved, especially in the context of the adoption of the Sustainable Development goals to eliminate extreme poverty by 2030. The challenge is to consider how to develop large projects in countries with rapidly expanding populations and limited land resources while enhancing the livelihoods of local communities.

Symposium participants will discuss key learnings on resettlement and livelihoods on urban and rural resettlement projects in Asia. The symposium aims to engage resettlement practitioners in Asia to explore an interest in creating a sustained virtual network that will exist beyond the symposium, thus allowing for a longer-term dialogue on resettlement and livelihoods issues, contributing to on-going capacity building in the region.

## RESETTLEMENT AND LIVELIHOODS TOPICS INCLUDE

- New developments in resettlement and livelihoods
- How to engage with government in resettlement planning processes
- Engaging communities and civil society in resettlement planning and implementation
- Emerging standards, practices, and frameworks
- Planning resettlement communities
- New resettlement methodologies, including land pooling
- Livelihood enhancement in urban and rural settings
- Protecting vulnerable people
- Monitoring, evaluation, and resettlement close-out audits

## THEMES AT A GLANCE

### RURAL

Discuss experiences from dams, infrastructure, mining, agriculture, and forestry projects seeing success in rural livelihood restoration.

### URBAN

Explore case studies from projects in large cities in Asia dealing with the challenge of restoring livelihoods from the resettlement of urban communities.

## IMPORTANT DATES: *Mark your calendar today!*



Tampakan Project, Philippines (Photo courtesy of Eddie Smyth)

## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

**PROCEDURE** From 10 October through 21 November, papers and posters are invited on the topics and sessions listed online. Accepted papers and posters with the primary author registered by 19 December 2016 will be listed in the final program.

To submit an abstract, follow the instructions at [www.iaia.org](http://www.iaia.org) > Resettlement Symposium > Submissions. All submissions should be in English.

**ACCEPTANCE AND REGISTRATION** Paper and poster authors will receive an immediate confirmation of successful online submission. If you do not receive an immediate confirmation of submission, do not assume it has been submitted. Please try again or contact [kathy@iaia.org](mailto:kathy@iaia.org) for assistance.

Authors of papers or posters will be notified of acceptance status by 28 November 2016.

All presenting authors or speakers listed in the final program are required to submit a registration form by 19 December 2016. Please submit an abstract only if you will have funding to cover your travel. IAIA does not have funds available to pay travel expenses for program participants. Individuals not able to comply with the registration requirement will not be included in the program and proceedings.

**LANGUAGE** Unless otherwise noted in the preliminary or final program, sessions will be held in English.

**QUESTIONS?** For questions about this symposium, please contact Kathy Adams ([kathy@iaia.org](mailto:kathy@iaia.org)).

Full submission details will be available in October at:

**[www.iaia.org](http://www.iaia.org)**

- **October 2016**  
Abstract submission and online registration opens  
Preliminary program available
- **21 November 2016**  
Abstract submission deadline
- **28 November 2016**  
Paper/poster authors notified of acceptance status
- **19 December 2016**  
Presenting author registration deadline
- **1 February 2017**  
Registration closes
- **3 February 2017**  
Final program available
- **20-22 February 2017**  
Symposium
- **23-24 February 2017**  
Post-symposium training courses (to be announced)

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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