

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

SYMPOSIUM OUTCOMES

The symposium will bring out current best practices in urban and rural resettlement and livelihoods in Asia. One key outcome will be a key learnings document, a synthesis of the key lessons with recommendations for improvement in sharing and best practice. A second outcome will be the creation of a virtual network of resettlement practitioners in Asia, allowing for a longer-term dialogue on resettlement and livelihoods issues and contributing to on-going capacity building in the region.

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.

TECHNICAL TRAINING

Two days of technical training will take place following the symposium (23-24 February), covering both introductory and advanced topics. Two training courses funded by the Asian Development Bank and one funded by the World Bank will be provided free of charge to participants.

WHY SPONSOR THE SYMPOSIUM?



Tampakan Project, Philippines
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WHO WILL ATTEND?

- Proponents of rural and urban projects that may involve resettlement of individuals and communities
- Consultants and impact assessment practitioners who work on resettlement plans
- Key government agencies including those related to environment, social, economic and health impact assessment
- Non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations
- National and international development banks and financial institution staff

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The main objective of the Resettlement and Livelihoods Symposium is to further the capacity of those practitioners who are challenged with addressing the challenges of resettlement. The benefits for symposium delegates—learning through participation and training, as well as ongoing networking opportunities and involvement in IAIA—are expected to be long-term. This symposium will provide delegates with exposure to professionals, experts, and ideas from the Asian region, providing an irreplaceable network of contacts and knowledge that will surely be called upon in the future. Your support of this symposium will help IAIA, ADB, and the World Bank provide this opportunity to build the capacity of practitioners who are grappling with this difficult topic.

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- Recognition in final program
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- Final participant list after conference
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