

Citizen's Jury

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Question

Can resettlement lead to communities being better off?

Verdict

- Yes, depending on circumstances...

Motivation

- There are circumstances where it doesn't happen;
- If people do not have similar conditions after resettlement they are not better off;
- Dependent on political will (expert witness Israel Chokuwenga);
- Community as whole may be better off, but not necessarily all individuals;
- Dependent on all parties involved in process;
- There are legislation and guidelines in place;
- Sometimes people get access to public services they did not have previously (health care, schools, etc.).

Recommendations (1)

- Planning
 - Use international guidelines and good practices;
 - Proper planning and execution required;
 - Put more effort in exploring and discussing alternatives (try to avoid if possible).
- Consultation
 - Is a continuous process;
 - Consultation vs information dissemination;
 - Start early and allow sufficient time for consultation (should be done properly);
 - Continuity – faces should remain the same (expert witness Ivo Lourenço).

Recommendations (2)

- Community
 - Build and maintain trust relationship (and do not exploit) (expert witness Mike Steyn);
 - Conserve the culture of the community;
 - Include all community groups (women, youth, etc) – may need to split groups due to cultural issues);
 - Choosing community representatives – transparent and using criteria;
 - Pay attention to different players involved – government, civil society and community.
- Monitoring and evaluation
 - Parties involved in monitoring as well as their roles should be clarified;
 - Determining how a community is better off – who decides? Should view from community's perspective.
- Should move from compensation to development (expert witness Israel Chokuwenga)