

ASCI-NRCR JOINT CERTIFICATION COURSE ON IMPROVED MANAGEMENT OF LARR

Programme Overview

Proper planning and implementation of resettlement plans can go a long way in reducing public resentment and resistance to land acquisition for infrastructure development. However, a major issue in this regard is the weak capacity to address land acquisition and involuntary resettlement in the region. This is reflected in the limited professional staff, knowledge, technical expertise and operational experiences in resettlement planning and implementation. The two countries that share many similarities in terms of demographic metrics, experiences with development-induced-displacement and policy development are India and China. With the largest number of dams and reservoirs and fast paced urban development projects, the number of people affected by the infrastructure projects is very high in China. About 20 million people are estimated to have been displaced by the dam projects in the country. In India, the people displaced by development projects are estimated at about 60 million in the first five decades after independence.

While the varied political context in India and China implies that the management of development-induced displacement is dealt with in a vastly different way, there are significant learning's from the policy changes, institutional arrangements and mechanisms put in place to address the operational challenges in Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R). In 2013, India enacted the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act. In China, a major policy development was the vastly improved compensation and R & R package for reservoir resettlement in 2007. The improved legal entitlements bestowed the affected families with vastly improved compensation standards, annuity payments spanning 20 years, post resettlement fund (to be contributed by power companies) for post resettlement community infrastructure and retrospective annuity payments to the next generation of families that were displaced earlier.

About CMLARR ASCI and NRCR, China

The Centre for Excellence in Management of Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Rehabilitation (CMLARR), Administrative Staff College of India, (ASCI), Hyderabad, established with the support of the World Bank and AusAID has been leading the capacity building interventions for LARR specialist officers in the South Asian region. The National Research Centre for Resettlement (NRCR), Hohai University, is the first specialised scientific research institution on involuntary resettlement in the world. NRCR is the lead institution for consulting, research and training in resettlement and social safeguards in all development projects in China.

About the Joint Certification Course

The CMLARR-NRCR Fortnightly Certification Course on LARR aims at providing an in-depth understanding of the LARR issues and measures required for their effective management. The Course will bring together experts from both India and China to disseminate information on best practices in various aspects of LA and R & R. The Course is designed:

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Fee : ₹ 3,50,000/-*
Applicable Service Tax

*Subject to change depending on International airfare

- ◆ To provide for a comprehensive understanding of the progressive legal framework (Legislations and Policies) governing land acquisition and R&R including the new land acquisition law in India ? To develop an in-depth understanding of the social and environmental impacts in diverse development projects, tools and techniques for predicting these impacts and developing appropriate mitigation plans.
- ◆ To provide an in-depth understanding of the R&R plans and create awareness about the appropriate measures required to deal with R & R issues;
- ◆ To provide an understanding of the alternate R & R models, good practices in land acquisition/R & R experiences world-wide and to create awareness about the innovative approaches to deal with these issues.

The Course Module

The ASCI-NRCR Certification Course is an integrated comprehensive course that aims at equipping the officials with complete practical knowledge of the processes and procedures of Social Assessment, Land Acquisition and R & R. The Course would be divided into two Modules:

- ◆ Module I - At ASCI, India: The first Module of the Course held at ASCI would completely follow a case study approach on various LARR issues of critical importance.
- ◆ Module II - At NRCR, China: The second Module would involve a visit to NRCR, China to understand the LARR good practices and lessons learnt in China. The Module also involves a Study tour to NRCR and the Three Gorges Project, China.

Participant Profile

Officers in Land Acquisition and R&R departments of government, public and private sector organisations.