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Afghanistan: Emergency Irrigation Rehabilitation Project
(Additional Financing of US\$ 25 Million)
Abbreviated Resettlement Framework

In compliance of the Bank's Operational Policy 4.12, in case of less than 200 Project Affected People (PAPs), the following abbreviated Resettlement Framework shall be followed in order to restore housing and issue economic compensation for loss of land and livelihood through a consultative and mutually agreeable process.

Principles

- all land should be surveyed and mapped and agreement reached with government on explicit eligibility cut-off date.
- where land is disputed or land ownership is not clear, the land will be surveyed and a map hereof issued to the affected families. In case of land disputes, attempts should be made to settle disputes prior to project start.
- customary and collective rights, e.g. to grazing land and commons, should be verified and documented through community-level consultations and local authorities. Customary and collective rights are also subject to compensation.
- compensation for land, housing and assets are based on principles of replacement cost and mutually agreeable solutions based on consultative approach with PAPs.
- where affected land provide income, the equivalent to the value of the crop lost will be given in compensation, based on the value of the harvests lost until the replacement crop (e.g. fruit trees) come into full production.
- if land forms basis for other income, the value of the income hereof will be subject to third party assessment
- if PAPs are squatters/informal settlers on the land, they will receive economic/material compensation to re-establish themselves elsewhere (e.g. on government land) without suffering damage to their livelihood or living standard.

Process

1. Survey of land and assets & census of Project Affected Peoples, including squatters and informal settlers:
 - the surveyed land and assets should be identified, marked and photographed, and by the defined eligibility cut-off date the areas should be secured against encroachers.
 - the Project Affected People should be identified and registered with full data and photographs
 - a compensation package should be developed (categories of impacts and appropriate entitlements to formal and informal settlers landholders and squatters), and
 - initial consultations should be conducted to identify any salient issues or concerns impacting on affected people. Gender separate consultations should be conducted in order to properly ascertain the views of the women.

2. Calculation of individual entitlements. There should be continued consultations with the affected people regarding the project, land acquisition and compensation package in order to reach mutually agreeable solution to land/asset acquisition and/or shifting of house. In case any PAP refuses to shift, an abbreviated Resettlement Plan, compliant to OP 4.12, should be developed.

3. The compensation package and abbreviated Resettlement Plan should be submitted to the Bank for approval, using the formats included in the Safeguards Framework (Attachment 3 (ii-iv))

4. The acquisition process is only completed with the actual payment of compensation to Project Affected People and settlement of any grievances they may hold.

