

APPENDIX - L

Terms of Reference for International Resettlement Specialist

Background

The Southern Transport Development Project involves the construction of an expressway from Kottawa to Matara – a distance of 128 km. Approximately 950 ha of land is being acquired for the ROW. About 5700 households are affected by land acquisition. In addition houses and other structures are also affected.

The STDP is jointly financed by the Asian Development Bank, the Japan Bank for International Cooperation and the Government of Sri Lanka.

Resettlement impacts in the project have to be addressed according to the ADB's policy on involuntary resettlement. Accordingly a Resettlement Implementation Plan has been prepared for the project that conforms to ADB's policy. The project is expected to commence construction work shortly. Land acquisition, payment of compensation, identification and acquisition of relocation sites, moving of APs to the new sites and related activities have already commenced.

A resettlement management organization has been established with a senior Resettlement Consultant and operational staff that includes a Deputy Project Director, four Resettlement Officers and some 40 Resettlement Assistants and Women's Support Officers. Each resettlement office is equipped with telephone/fax, computers and essential office facilities. Records of APs are maintained at each office.

An external monitoring agency – Environmental Resources Management – has been engaged to monitor and report on resettlement implementation.

Tasks

1. Review the internal monitoring of resettlement implementation that is carried out by the STDP.
2. Review the monitoring being conducted by the external monitor – ERM.
3. Identify recommendations that are made by ERM and ensure that these are followed through.
4. Make independent assessments of program delivery such as (a) institutional matters; (b) resettlement objectives; (c) living standards of APs; (d) grievance redress processes.
5. Assist ERM with methodology for monitoring and reporting.
6. Submit reports to the ADB and the Ministry of Highways.

Frequency

The international resettlement specialist will visit the project for two weeks every quarter for the first year and for the same period every semester thereafter.