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Resettlement Issues in Transport Projects

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- ✓ Some key elements:
- ✓ Inclusion
- ✓ Valuation
- ✓ Consultation



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Who to include in Resettlement Plan?

- Directly affected people (losing land and non-land assets, affected livelihoods)
- Often requests are received from those not directly affected by ROW to be included. Need to consider:
 - Noise
 - Access
 - Safety
 - Vibration (particularly in urban areas)
 - Viability of livelihoods / continued residence
 - Disproportionate impacts on vulnerable groups



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Valuation

- SPS requires full replacement costs, based on: (i) **fair market value**; (ii) transaction costs; (iii) interest accrued, (iv) transitional and restoration costs; and (v) other applicable payments, if any.
 - Market value is the estimated amount for which an asset or liability would exchange on the valuation date in an arms-length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion (International Valuation Standards (IVS) 2017 definition)
 - Dangers in using “asking prices” to determine valuation
- Where market conditions are absent or in a formative stage, consult with displaced persons and host populations to obtain **adequate** information.
- **Qualified and experienced experts** will undertake the valuation of acquired assets.
 - Qualifications?
 - Insured?



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Meaningful Consultations

- Common element of most complaints: “we weren’t consulted”
- Consultations vs. Disclosure – are communities involved in decision making?
- Start early in the feasibility stage
- Anticipate complaints and objections
- Project specific grievance management system
 - Operational from an early stage (before commencement of LAR)
 - Appropriately resourced
 - Regularly monitored



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