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Getting site-level and corporate management to fully appreciate the challenges, and the business case for providing adequate time for proper land acquisition and resettlement planning remains an issue for some projects. Many companies still start land acquisition and resettlement planning too late and in an unco-ordinated manner. There is no reason why land acquisition and resettlement should not be undertaken in the same systematic manner as other processes in the business.

Lessons in planning to minimise resettlement

- Take steps to avoid and minimise displacement to the extent possible, but carefully consider life-of-project land requirements.
- Involve social experts in the definition of the project area to identify opportunities for minimising displacement.
- Resettlement can be minimised through various measures, including location and design of project infrastructure and the development of guidelines to minimise the areas alienated from agricultural use.
- Consider innovative approaches to land access and management, eg the use of satellite imagery to minimise displacement.

