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The resettlement action plan (RAP) should outline the key resettlement packages and assistance to be provided where there is both physical and economic displacement. Where there is only economic displacement, then the management plan should be called something like a livelihood restoration plan. Physical resettlement or displacement occurs when households living in the project area are required to move. It requires effective identification, design, planning and construction of alternative villages, housing and related facilities in order to mitigate effectively for physical losses, but also to support the future cohesion and success of the communities affected.

Physical resettlement planning is not just concerned with engineering and design, but how to preserve the existing social fabric in a new location.

The resettlement packages and assistance would typically include:

- cash compensation for assets, including crops and structures
- provision of resettlement housing
- provision of a resettlement site
- allowances to facilitate the moving process
- livelihood restoration programmes.



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