

# Module 8

## Construction and physical moves

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The land access and resettlement process does not end with the signing of agreements. Construction and the 'moves' process pose key challenges and offer opportunities. This module focuses primarily on the planning and social impacts of construction and moving, though it is closely linked to the topics of compensation payments, livelihood restoration and improvement, and special groups which are dealt with in modules 6, 7 and 8.

This section provides guidance to enable a smooth, safe and timely transition to new resettlement sites. Key principles apply regardless of the impetus for physical resettlement or where a project is located: offering choice, ensuring participation and oversight, maximising local content, and compliance with laws and standards are all important.

The moves process offers important opportunities for achieving positive impacts among communities. The resettlement construction process often provides the first opportunity for significant utilisation of local labour and services. Opportunities to utilise local labour, contractors and procurement, including capacity-building efforts as required, should be maximised.

