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**ROLE OF ENGINEERING IN SUSTAINABLE
INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY OF
QUALITY CDF PROJECTS**

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE



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1. INTRODUCTION

- a. Sustainable Infrastructure Development is one of the crucial aspects of modern engineering projects that **meet present needs without compromising the ability of future generations** to meet their own needs (Hinge, Surampalli, & Goyal, 2020).
- b. Engineering plays a critical role in Infrastructure development by ensuring that projects are developed in an effective way which is in line with sustainable infrastructure concept (Yanamandra, 2020).
- c. Nevertheless, several challenges hinder the successful involvement of engineering in sustainable infrastructure development.
- d. **Based on reviewed literature**, the presentation **explores various challenges that impede the effective engagement of engineering** in the development of sustainable infrastructure projects.



2. SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT



- a. Sustainable Infrastructure Development refers to the **planning, designing, construction** and management of physical structures and systems in a manner that **minimizes negative environmental impact** (Yanamandra, 2020).

- b. The integration of sustainable infrastructure development into Constituency Development Fund projects helps **promote the fulfillment of environmental and social sustainability criteria**

3. CONSTITUENCY DEVELOPMENT FUND (CDF)



- a. The Constituency Development Fund (CDF) was introduced as an instrument to facilitate the delivery of public goods and services to **foster development for local communities**.
- b. The Constituency Development Fund (CDF) is an initiative which is based on direct transfers of budgeted funds from **central government to parliamentary constituencies** for financing local development (Barkan, 2001)

CDF ALLOCATION

No.	Components	
1.	Community Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5% Disaster Contingency	60%
2.	Youth and Women Empowerment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 40% Grants• 60% Soft Loans	20%
3.	Secondary School (Boarding) and Skills Development Bursaries	20%
	Total	100%



4. ROLE OF ENGINEERING IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

- a. Engineers play a pivotal role in the **planning, design, construction, and maintenance of infrastructure projects**. Their technical expertise and problem-solving skills are essential for ensuring the **quality and longevity of infrastructure systems**.
- b. Engineering **plays a crucial role in** sustainable development projects such as CDF
- c. In essence, engineers are **at the forefront of developing innovative solutions that balance economic growth with environmental and social responsibility** to achieve sustainable development goals.

5. BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INVOLVEMENT OF ENGINEERING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

- a. Their specialized knowledge **guarantees the excellence and security of infrastructure systems, minimizing the potential for disasters and mishaps.**
- b. Engineers possess the ability to **maximize resource utilization, resulting in economical resolutions and long-term cost savings.**
- c. Their contribution to sustainable infrastructure development helps safeguard the **environment and mitigate climate change effects.**
- d. Engineers can contribute by **adopting innovative technologies, materials, and construction techniques** that minimize environmental impacts.



**Limited awareness
and understanding
of sustainable
infrastructure
principles**

**Limited
Interdisciplinary
Collaboration
among project
players**

6. CHALLENGES

*(Effective engagement of engineering
in the development of sustainable
infrastructure (CDF))*

**Timely release
of funds**

**Legal
Frameworks
(Policy
/Regulations)**



7. RECOMMENDATIONS

i. Limited awareness and understanding of sustainable infrastructure principles

- a. Conduct training sessions, workshops and seminars to educate project stakeholders linked to CDF projects about the importance and benefits of sustainable infrastructure.
- b. Provide access to educational resources, guidelines, and case studies showcasing successful sustainable infrastructure projects.
- c. Establish partnerships between Local Government and academic institutions, research organizations, and industry experts to disseminate knowledge and best practices.

ii. Limited interdisciplinary collaboration among project players

- a. Foster a collaborative culture by encouraging open communication and mutual respect among different disciplines involved in the CDF projects.
- b. Organize regular interdisciplinary meetings and brainstorming sessions to promote knowledge sharing and innovation.
- c. Assign cross-functional teams or create task forces to tackle specific challenges that require interdisciplinary expertise.

7.RECOMMENDATIONS cont'd

iii. Timely release of funds

- a. Local Councils should be encouraged to establish contingency funds or financial reserves to address unexpected delays or emergencies.
- b. The Central Government should regularly monitor and evaluate fund utilization to ensure compliance with project timelines and objectives.

iv. Legal frameworks (Regulations/Policy)

- a. The local Councils should advocate for supportive policies and regulations that incentivize sustainable infrastructure development.
- b. Local Councils should engage with policymakers, regulatory agencies, and other stakeholders to identify barriers and propose solutions.
- c. Local Councils should work and collaborate with legal experts to navigate complex regulatory requirements and streamline approval processes.



8. CONCLUSION

- a. The involvement of engineering in quality projects is essential for ensuring the **successful implementation of sustainable infrastructure development**.
- b. By integrating sustainability principles, the **engineering discipline can contribute to the development of resilient and environmentally friendly infrastructure**.
- c. The effective involvement of engineering in sustainable infrastructure development such as CDF projects **requires collaboration, interdisciplinary approaches and the integration of innovative technologies**.
- d. **The technical expertise, problem-solving skills, and commitment to quality provided by the engineering discipline** could play a vital role in creating a sustainable future for generations to come.



