

Tanzanian Public Works Officers gain project management expertise in India

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The National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) successfully concluded a two-week capacity building program for public works officers from Tanzania. The program, titled “Project and Risk Management for Public Works,” ran from May 6th to 17th, 2024, and was organized in partnership with the Indian Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

A total of 39 Tanzanian officers representing various ministries and organizations participated in the program. These included representatives from the National Roads Agency, the Ministry of Energy, the Planning Commission, and various agencies focused on housing, transportation, energy regulation, and good governance.

The program provided participants with essential skills in project and risk management, specifically tailored to the public works sector. They explored topics like project selection, formulation, management frameworks, risk management strategies, public-private partnerships, and innovative approaches to project delivery.

Learning from Experience

The program wasn't just theoretical. Participants also embarked on immersive field visits, gaining valuable insights from real-world projects like the Dakpathar Hydropower Dam, the Dwarka Expressway, and the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation. Additionally, a visit to the iconic Taj Mahal served as a cultural touchstone.

During the closing ceremony, Shri V. Srinivas, Director General of NCGG, highlighted India's extensive experience in infrastructure development. He encouraged the participants to learn from India's best

practices and risk management strategies to successfully implement similar projects in Tanzania.

Mr. George Nsavike Ndatta, Head of the Tanzanian Delegation, expressed his gratitude to the Indian government for this valuable opportunity to share knowledge and expertise. He emphasized the desire to adopt best practices gleaned from India's successful projects and policies.

Dr. B.S. Bisht, Associate Professor and Course Coordinator, provided a detailed overview of the program's goals. He emphasized its focus on equipping participants with skills to design and deliver effective public works projects, contributing to good governance and sustainable development in Tanzania.

The National Centre for Good Governance, aligned with the Indian philosophy of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (the world is one family), promotes international collaboration. This program served as a platform for policy dialogue and knowledge exchange in project and risk management across various sectors.

This program marks another success for NCGG, which has previously provided training to civil servants from 17 countries. With growing international demand for capacity building initiatives, NCGG is well-positioned to continue facilitating knowledge sharing and fostering global cooperation in good governance practices.