

“Peer Experience and Reflective Learning” (PEARL) under JNNURM Best Practices Format

Key Informations about the project and instructions on filling up the form

1. About the project:

To achieve objectives of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewable Mission (JNNURM), knowledge sharing amongst JNNURM cities in various sectors of urban reforms and city governance has emerged as a potential area for capacity building. It is felt that cities identified under JNNURM, for financing urban infrastructure and other aspects of urban development, can network amongst themselves for cross learning and sharing knowledge, hence effectively manage their cities. “Peer Experience and Reflective Learning” (PEARL) is an initiative under JNNURM to support cities to actively pursue activities in implementation of projects and reforms.

Therefore, cities with similar urban issues and character are brought together. The cities have been divided into five groups, namely, (a) Mega Cities; (b) Industrial Cities; (c) Mixed economy; (d) Heritage Cities; and (e) Cities of Environmental Importance. A Network Convener and potential Knowledge Managers (KMs) were also identified for each Group.

The main objective of PEARL is to create manageable networks between JNNURM cities for cross learning and sharing knowledge on urban reforms and city governance so that objectives of the mission can be successfully achieved to make cities more livable, economically vibrant and environmentally sustainable. The primary objective is to ensure smooth functioning of the PEARL Networks and assist the Mission Directorate in supporting and monitoring the program. Focus of PEARL activities will be on various processes and outcomes of JNNURM-projects and reforms. There is also a need to focus on the sharing of experiences on urban reforms and city governance and to sustain PEARL beyond JNNURM.

2. About the India Urban Portal and Best Practices:

The proposed PEARL website – India Urban Portal (www.indiaurbanportal.in), is the gateway to the 63 cities under JnNURM and shall be linked to the main website of JnNURM. The portal is envisaged as a ready reference to best practices in planning, projects, reforms, accessible data/ resources and other innovations. The goal is to create an information network, community and resource that will provide qualified, trusted and variable information. It will also provide the stakeholders, a knowledge-sharing platform for interaction and discussion.

The website will:

- a) Act as a platform to share knowledge among governments at national, state, and local levels as well as community groups and citizens in JNNURM cities;
- b) Focus on linking Urban Local Bodies with community groups in the JNNURM cities;
- c) Provide information on organizations, techniques, technologies, resources, innovations, best practices, etc. for the projects and reforms;
- d) Support outputs of JNNURM in terms of planning and implementation of projects and reforms; and
- e) Help to set up discussion forums, news, guidance, etc. among JNNURM cities.

3. Best Practices:

You can submit ongoing as well as past projects to this Register.

For example, such projects/programmes/reforms include local or regional projects in education, revitalisation, standardisation, community development, awareness raising, capacity building, documentation, use of new technologies, urban governance, reforms, PPP, service delivery, shelter and security of tenure, livelihood including micro credit, health and education, social development, urban mobility, etc.

4. Methodology for selection of Best Practice:

Step 1: Identification and selection of best practice through Form I

Step 2: Put up the collected best practice before the technical committee for approval for documentation.

Step 3: Documentation of the best practice.

Step 4: Publishing on website

FORM I**General illustrative information about your Organization**

(Fill the following queries and provide one page write up about your organization and project as well)

Project Contact Person:	
Detailed Address of the Organization/Agency	
Telephone No.	Office:
	Residential:
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	E-mail:
Type of the Organization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Government <input type="radio"/> Individual <input type="radio"/> NGO <input type="radio"/> Co-operatives <input type="radio"/> Other 	
Partnering agencies/individuals	

INFORMATION ABOUT BEST PRACTICE
(Illustrative)

A: Context

1. Title of the Best Practice:

2. Geographic Location:

3. Focus Area:

B: Situation before implementation of Best Practice

1. Describe in brief (not more than 200 words), the situation as it was before the start of the project: (Describe in narrative form rather than in bullet form):

2. What were the problems/needs addressed by the best practice?

C. Description of the Best Practice

1. Describe the Best Practice in narrative form (in 500 words)

2. Goals of the Best Practice

3. Strategy used to achieve the desired goals

4. Activities implemented to achieve the above goals

5. Challenges/constraints encountered and how it was conquered

6. Outcome of the best practice

7. Roles/ activities of the partners at each stage of the best practice

8. Important stakeholders involved and communication/networking procedure for the best practice

D. Factors of Success

1. Describe the main successful (positive and sustainable) results/factors/conditions for the best practice

E. Budgetary Implications and Sustainability

1. Approximate total cost for the best practice

2. Financial partners involved

3. Source of Finance for the sustainability of the best practice

F. Replicability
1. Pre-requisite conditions for replication of this best practice
2. Is the best practice being replicated in any other region
3. Kind of help that can be extended for colleagues who would replicate this best practice – (eg. visits, materials, free expertise, paid expertise, etc.)
G: Impact of the best practice
1. Have the best practice been disseminated in any forum and have received any recognition
2. Documentation and Research work/References for the best practice, if any
3. Please enclose any photographs and resource products, paper clippings along with the entry.

PLEASE SEND THIS FORM AS AN ATTACHMENT TO:

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