



Two-Week Training Programme for Overseas Professionals
on
Housing for Urban Poor: Policy, Planning and
Implementation - Indian Experience
(9th to 22nd September, 2026)



COURSE RATIONALE

United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights lays special emphasis on the access to decent, affordable housing is fundamental for the health and well-being of people as well as the smooth functioning of economies. At present across the globe, urban populations have increased rapidly, often outstripping available housing. This increasing rate of growth of urban population has led to increasing housing shortage, reducing privacy, and overcrowding in small house, steady growth of slums and unplanned settlements and severe effect on civic services in urban areas. In such situation there is a critical need for adequate, safe, affordable, and sustainable housing. Thus, provision of affordable housing has become one of the major tasks for many developing and under-developed countries. This has further been recognized globally with the adoption of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015 and more recently the New Urban Agenda (NUA) at Habitat III Conference in October 2016 at Quito, Ecuador.

India, over its journey of 75 years after independence, has made significant strides in urban development including in the provision of affordable housing. The Government of India and the State Governments in India have followed multipronged approaches to housing development and the same has evolved over the period of 75 years of independence. Starting with *site and services model*, where along with basic infrastructural facilities like water supply, sanitation, internal roads, drainage, and construction assistance was provided, followed by *permanent housing model*, which was planned for households who could avail institutional finance. The development planning interventions in provision of affordable housing have since evolved to include emphasis on use of appropriate technology, affordable housing finance and private sector participation through *public-private partnership* (PPP) *models* in mission mode. **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U)**, which has been recently revised (PMAY 2.0), a **flagship Mission of Government of India**, addresses urban housing shortage among the economic weaker section and low-income households by ensuring a permanent house to all eligible household. This training programme has been specifically designed to draw from the learnings of the Flagship Housing Programme of Government of India (PMAY-U) and the salient features of the recently revised version (PMAY 2.0) of this flagship programme of Government of India.



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AIM OF THE COURSE

The aim of the programme is to provide the participants the tools and techniques for planning and formulation of housing programme for urban poor with focus on the policy, planning and implementation aspects and also to share the Indian experience of one of the largest housing programmes, the **Flagship Programme in the mission mode- the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban, (PMAY-U)** and the salient features of the recently revised version (PMAY 2.0) of this flagship programme of the Government of India.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

The programme provides resources for understanding policy, planning and implementation aspects of a mega housing programme and enables participants to:

- To understand the policy frameworks required for National Housing/ Urban Policy;
- To understand the affordable housing issues, challenges, and delivery strategies to meet the housing needs of all sections of society with a special focus on the Economically weaker sections (EWS) and Low-income groups (LIG);
- To define affordable housing making of affordable, inclusive, liveable cities;
- To understand Policy, Planning and Implementation aspects of the mega housing programme;
- Exposure through class-room study as well as the technical visits to project sites to gather a deeper understanding of field level issues and solutions;
- To draw learnings from the Flagship housing programme of the Government of India, i.e. the *Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Urban* (PMAY-U) and the salient features of the recently revised version (PMAY 2.0) of this flagship programme of the Government of India.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

By the end of the course, the course participants would be able to:

- Understand the concept of affordable housing and understand its relation with other associated aspects like urbanization, migration etc.
- Develop an understanding of policy measures and innovative practices in the field of affordable housing;
- Develop an understanding of various suitable financing options for affordable housing;
- Draw lessons from the Indian experience of the Flagship programme of the Government of India, the *Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana -Urban* (PMAY-U).



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TARGET GROUPS

This programme has been specifically designed for policy makers, engineers, architects, town planners, urban designers, social scientists, and finance professionals, community development professionals from the developing countries.

Participation of Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) as well as some elected representatives engaged in the housing sector shall strengthen the interaction among managers of urban development with special focus on affordable housing.

COURSE CONTENTS

The course has been designed to be conducted as a learning workshop where participants will be expected to participate in the discussion through the mutual learning approach. A range of issues related to sustainable and affordable housing, various approaches, policy evolution, challenges, strategies with focus on developing a clear understanding of the key theme of the course, i.e. housing the urban poor. The programme will include guest lectures by domain experts, interactions with the policy makers and senior functionaries of the Government of India, action planning exercises and field visits to the project sites.

The course will have four modules and the themes to be covered are as under:

Module-1: Housing and Urban Development Policy Frameworks and Planning for Affordable Housing

This module would introduce the concept of affordable housing, policy framework, evolution of policies, housing in the context of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the New Urban Agenda (NUA). This module will also include the following:

- Housing in the context of SDGs and NUA
- Evolution of the housing policies
- Inclusive Urban Planning Techniques for adequate and affordable housing;
- Innovative land planning and land-use management for affordable housing.
- Learning from Global experiences

Module-2: Aspects in Design and Financing of Affordable Housing

- Detailed presentation on the various aspects of India experience of a Flagship housing programme of the Government of India, i.e. *Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban* (PMAY-U).
- Affordability and housing finance - Innovative Financing options for affordable housing including PPPs;
- Public Private Partnership (PPP) models for land and housing- Emerging Options and



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Strategies.

- Micro Housing Finance for informal sector
- Site visits to successful affordable housing projects in Delhi and other places in India.

Dialogue sessions, case studies from International & Indian experiences and Site visits, would be conducted to complement the understanding the ground realities of key themes and would enrich the classroom learning experiences.

METHODOLOGY OF THE PROGRAMME

The training programme shall be imparted through classroom lectures, presentations, team building games, group exercises and field visits. Resource persons invited to interact with the participants shall be drawn from among the experienced in-house faculty of HUDCO's HSMI, senior professionals from HUDCO, eminent professionals of repute from outside HUDCO including those from central/ state government, major institutions and nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs) such as, Building Materials Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC), School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) New Delhi, Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) New Delhi, Delhi Development Authority (DDA), UN-Habitat, Institute of Social Science (ISS), World Resources Institute (WRI) etc.