

BACKGROUND OF HSMI

The housing and urban infrastructure sectors are at the core of the global and local issues posing a challenge for our cities and urbanization. The strategic intelligence required for a sustainable growth strategy includes urban innovation, inclusion, resilience, environment and resources, infrastructure and services, social and economic equity, diplomacy and justice. There is a need to build knowledge platforms, document and share best practices and propose policy and planning measures for managing the rapid urbanization that is messy and haphazard. Cities across the globe face social, economic, political and environmental changes and it is critical to educate, network and train the city practitioners and urban managers to take up the challenges such as climate change and informal growth. The need for sustainable and smart solutions for utilizing the opportunities of cities as engines of social and economic growth is not lost upon the world. HUDCO responded to the need for training the officials of its implementing and borrowing agencies such as State Housing boards, urban development authorities and local bodies to plan, formulate and implement projects and to mobilize and utilize resources economically and effectively. The Corporation under Indo-Dutch collaboration founded HSMI in 1985 with the mentorship of the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (I.H.S.), Rotterdam, the Netherlands as a dedicated Training & Research Institution at the national-level, established to carry out capacity building in human settlement management, for the benefit of professionals engaged in the housing and urban development sector, international participants and HUDCO's own functionaries.



It has also been set up to infuse professionalism and strengthen capacities for consultancy in project planning by providing a knowledge platform and networking forum for national and international organisations in the urban sector. While strengthening the borrowing agencies through training HSMI helps in business development for HUDCO by incubating viable projects to improve HUDCO's own lending operations directly and indirectly. Some key collaborations have laid the foundation of HSMI such as IHSP, DTUDP & MoU with IHS.

The Indian Human Settlements Programme (IHSP) was established in April 1985 through a joint collaboration between HUDCO and the Institute for Housing And Urban Development Studies, Rotterdam. The program aims at systematic development of training courses for mid career and middle management level professionals engaged in the planning, implementation and monitoring of shelter, environmental improvement and community development. The long-term objectives of the IHSP were to help HSMI to develop into a self reliant training institution capable of organising programs related to housing and urban development and to deal with the general issues of housing, environment and social development.

Through this program HSMI gained a good reputation in the country as a training institute having a qualified and motivated faculty.

Indian Human Settlement Programme (IHSP)-I & II 1985-96

- Sponsored research
- Training-documentation and training module
- Collaboration research in the sector
- Inputs for policy documents
- Faculty development through exchange visits

Decentralised Training For Urban Development Programme (DTUDP)-1996-2000

- Above activities
- Training of trainers
- Training at decentralised locations

MoU with I.H.S (Institute to Institute Collaboration)-2006-2011 & 2011-2016

- Above activities
- Refresher Course – A Rights Based Approach to Resettlement: (Inter) National Standards and Local Practices

ORGANISATIONAL SET-UP

The institute has a multi-disciplinary faculty team consisting of professionals drawn from engineering, architecture, town and urban /regional planning, remote sensing, economics, and social development streams. Also, professionals from HUDCO's Corporate and Regional offices, who are actively engaged in the mainstream financing and appraisal operations of housing and urban infrastructure projects, provide professional inputs to support training programmes.

The faculty of HSMI has diverse and rich experience as well as participation in national and international forums, dialogues, discussions and policy formulation for the housing and urban development sector. Besides, Government of India officials, eminent academicians and professionals working in this sector regularly provide resource inputs and are invited to give inputs on the theory and current practices in urban management and sustainable development.

