

# ASBESTOS EDUCATION AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

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# OBJECTIVES OF THE AWARENESS

- Review existing material on asbestos awareness and campaigns
- Improve awareness with respect to the risk of asbestos in homes, commercial buildings and secondary contamination
- Integrate all asbestos related information
- Develop a practical and evidence based asbestos awareness material
- Identify industry needs and gaps in their asbestos awareness campaigns and programmes.



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# ACTIVITIES

- Advertise asbestos education and awareness material in government departments to increase its accessibility.
- Publishing information on best practices with regards to asbestos removal, disposal and rehab of contaminated site.
- Undertaking coordinated awareness campaigns targeting owners of asbestos buildings, removal contractors and citizens exposed to asbestos.
- Collaboration amongst government, NGOs and community forums.



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# EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Improved access to updated asbestos information;
- Members of the public no longer removing asbestos containing material from their homes and curb illegal dumping of the material;
- Use of registered asbestos contractors to remove and transport the asbestos containing material for safe disposal;
- Increased funding and donations for asbestos related projects;
- Collaborated effort by key stakeholders;
- Enhanced awareness among the members of the public regarding the risk posed by asbestos containing material and its environmental, health and safety impacts;



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# EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Asbestos contaminated land will no longer be allocated to members of the public for building homes or for agricultural purposes;
- Farmers will be able to protect themselves from inhaling asbestos fibers when ploughing;
- Reliable and accurate data of commercial and public buildings with asbestos containing equipment/material and the state of the equipment/material will be made available;
- Avoid duplication of effort and ensured consistent and cost-effective activities across contributing Government Departments
- Implementation of asbestos compliance programs by relevant government agencies/building owners.



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# CURRENT STATUS ON THE AWARENESS

- Concept document compiled
- A workshop on asbestos to be held by the Department 12 March 2020.
- Awareness campaigns to be rolled out in the new financial year.
- Industry is invited to participate and support the campaigns.



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