

## Vision 2040

### Thematic Area: Livelihood

### Intervention: Rickshaw-pullers Rehabilitation Scheme

### Concept Note

<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Rickshaw-pullers Rehabilitation Scheme</b>	
<b>Project Identification Number:</b>	MF/Vision2040/--/Aligarh/2016	<b>Office Use Only</b>
<b>Location of Project:</b>	Aligarh and Gorakhpur Districts  (Could add more locations based on sponsor response)	
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	Manappat Foundation in association with .....	
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<b>Problem Statement:</b>	<p>“Cycle Rickshaw” is a very common and cheapest mode of transport for short distance travel in the India. Rickshaw serves as modest upward mobility for the people who come from village to city just for a simple cause, feed the bellies of their family members even once a day. The activity of rickshaw pullers depicts an unsustainable livelihood. The intergenerational mobility of the family members of rickshaw pullers is confined to very little schooling and bleak range of job opportunities. Also, they are very much susceptible to the series of health issues. Downgrading health conditions added upon with health shocks and negligence due to lucre issues degrade their pace of upward mobility. A big segment of these rickshaw pullers are migrated from rural areas of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. A city like Lucknow has 9,000 pullers, of whom 90 per cent do not own the cycle rickshaws. Some facts from the life of rickshaw-pullers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large number of dependent family members on the income of one rickshaw puller.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Majority of the rickshaw-pullers work for an average of more than 10 hours a day to earn a better livelihood.</li> <li>• Average earning of a rickshaw puller per day is around Rs.300 – Rs.450.</li> <li>• Around 6-8% of rickshaw-pullers own their cycle rickshaws. Rest, pay a rent of around Rs.50- Rs.100 per day for a rickshaw.</li> <li>• Majority of the rickshaw-pullers are Hindus. However, Muslims are a close second with high absolute numbers.</li> <li>• Majority of the rickshaw-pullers are illiterate. Those who were literate, most of them received only primary or higher primary level of education or were dropouts due to financial problems.</li> <li>• Most of them spend their nights by sleeping on their rickshaw or footpaths or railways platforms or Jhuggies/slums or rain baseras. Such places lack proper toilets, water supply, etc. A miniscule percentage are able to afford rented houses.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Project Summary:</b> Objectives, expected results and main activities</p>	<p><b>The concept</b> This project aims to pull the families of rickshaw-pullers out of the vicious circle of poverty towards sustainable livelihoods.</p> <p><b>Key Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing interest-free loans for buying e-rickshaws with long-term repayment plan.</li> <li>• Improving design of e-rickshaws and using them for local advertisements.</li> <li>• Forming Co-operative societies of rickshaw-pullers in each city for better bargaining and availing benefits of government schemes.</li> <li>• Registration in all the relevant schemes as well as proper identification cards and bank accounts for all family members.</li> <li>• Enrollment of small children in elementary schools/IPES.</li> </ul>
<p><b>No. of Beneficiaries:</b></p>	<p>200 families in the first year</p>
<p><b>Target:</b></p>	<p>1000 in 5 years</p>
<p><b>Project Budget:</b></p>	<p>Approximately INR 1-1.25 lakhs* (US\$ 1500- 1900) per family.</p>

	<p><i>*break-up of the budget shall be done on the basis of final assessment report</i></p> <p><i>*Cost in US\$ is rounded off.</i></p>
<b>Contribution from Implementing Agency</b>	Manpower, Human Resource, Survey and Implementation model.
<b>Monitoring &amp; Evaluation</b>	Regional Office, Manappat Foundation & Donors jointly
<b>Project Duration:</b>	As per the final assessment report
<b>Donors:</b>	

***\*A detailed project proposal shall be submitted to the donor with primary data & budget break-up for approval.***