

# Draft Example Content of Form 1 (Initial Proposal due by March 1)

1. Name of RIC: Digital inclusion for Children with Vision Impairments
2. Partner Organizations with name of participant
  - MSR: Manohar Swaminathan
  - IIIT Bangalore: Amit Prakash, Associate Professor
  - BITS Hyderabad: Dipanjan Chakraborty, Asst Professor
  - Vision Empower Trust: Supriya Dey, Vidhya Y (cofounders)
3. Agenda: We have created network of over 120 schools for the blind across 12 states of India to bring STEM and CT education to children in these schools. We have completed a pilot that introduces digital experiences through the use of a combination of Android phones for teachers and feature phones for children connected via an IVR platform. We are looking to work with collaborators in the global south to share experiences, resources, and learnings and to explore if these solutions are applicable in those regions. And to work with the local experts and community to evolve these solutions, both in India and elsewhere.
4. Relevant SDGs:
  - SDG 4: Education
  - SDG 8: Decent work and economic growth
5. Collaboration Asks:
  - NGO partner in Africa or South America working with children with vision impairments
  - Impact Agency working with the UN for assessment
6. Relevant Publications, websites and other pointers to the work
  - [Visionempowertrust.org](https://www.visionempowertrust.org)
  - Teachers' Perceptions around Digital Games for Children in Low-resource Schools for the Blind, Gesu India, Vidhya Y, Aishwarya O, Nirmalendu Diwakar, Mohit Jain, Aditya Vashistha, Swami Manohar, CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI'21) | May 2021
  - Conceptual Learning through Accessible Play: Project Torino and Computational Thinking for Blind Children in India, Gesu India, Geetha Ramakrishna, Joyojeet Pal, Swami Manohar, ICTD 2020 | June 2020
  - UIST 2021 Keynote: Ludic Design for Accessibility, Manohar Swaminathan  
<https://youtu.be/0BqkBi3ncM8?si=U3Z3koTuOxwYpfYaB>