

## Hand Bicycle for Boduram



**Jaipur:** Baba Ramdev Nagar is located near Gujar ki Thadi, New Sanganer Road. It falls under ward 30 of Civil Lines area. The settlement is 40 years old and has 424 Households, of which only 140 are pucca (made of Bricks and cement) while the rest are kutcha or are sheds and huts with tin roofs. As per the ICDS data, the estimated population of Baba Ramdev Nagar is 2,390.

A majority of the population in the area comprises urban poor. Around 50 households can be categorized as 'most vulnerable' and live on the rear end of the settlement. They do not have regular access to clean drinking water; the surroundings are filled with solid and animal waste. The residents here do not have access to basic social entitlements and are have not benefitted from several government schemes and programmes. A majority of the people belong to below poverty line (BPL) category. These are families mostly belonging to communities such as Lohar, Sansi, Ghumantu and Rebadi (ST, SC) and live in hutments. There are also a few Muslim families in the settlement.

The jobs that people here undertake are low-paid. Men work as beldars, lohar, auto drivers while women work as domestic workers, daily wage labourers working in the vegetable markets, roll *puris* on occasions and also work as rag pickers. They also beg in trains and market places.

Boduram is a 40 years old man who has lived in Baba Ram Dev Nagar for the past 15 years with his parents who are elderly. His father is disabled and has a bad leg. Boduram's father and mother work as daily labour in the vegetable market and carry goods. Boduram has Locomotor disability, he has to crawl on the floor in order to move. The family lives in a tin shed house, and they do not have a latrine. They therefore use a community toilet in the area.

**On 23 September, 2020** a meeting of the Community Management Committee was conducted in Baba Ram Dev Nagar to know and understand different issues and challenges faced by persons with disabilities. A Single Window Forum member, Manju, highlighted the problem of Boduram.

**Manju said,** *“Boduram lives in my lane. He can not move from one place to another as he uses his hands and knees to scrawl on the floor. The lanes in our settlement are narrow, with kutcha roads, open drains, with solid waste and water logging everywhere. Boduram walks on his knees and stones prick his knees, making him bleed badly. It is not easy to scrawl in summers, winters or in rainy season. Worse, people make fun of him He goes to the community toilet for defecation, which is very inconvenient for him since he gets really dirty. It would be a great help if we could provide to him a hand bicycle so that he can move easily.”*



Manju took the CFAR team member to Boduram’s house. He was seen crawling on the road. His documents were collected so that a hand bicycle could be arranged for him. **On September 25,** Manju went to **Shri Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti** where a senior office-bearer, Mr. Ashok, confirmed that a hand bicycle will be provided to Boduram the next day.

**On September 26,** Boduram went to Shri Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti and received his hand bicycle. After using it for some time, much has changed for **Boduram.** He said, *“Many people used to make fun of me, while many others used to express their concern and sympathy. But no one ever tried to support or help me. This is for the first time that someone thought about my challenges and provided a possible solution. I am extremely overwhelmed today. I want to thank Manju ji who is my neighbour. She supported me and linked me to CFAR. Now I will be able to move easily and won’t crawl on the ground.”*

