

# THE SAFER COMMUTE FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN - ROHTAK, INDIA



## LEAD ORGANISATION

India Resource Trust (World Resource Institute India)

## CONSORTIUM PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

- \* Municipal Corporation of Rohtak
- \* Rohtak Traffic Police
- \* NASSCOM Foundation

## GRANT

CHF  
350,754

## DURATION

May 2018 -  
April 2020

## THEMES

Road safety management;  
Infrastructure;  
Road user behaviour

## BACKGROUND

In 2016, Rohtak district reported a higher rate of road crash fatalities than the Indian average. This industrial city has developed along 3 National and 2 State Highways, creating isolated neighbourhoods with poor inter-connectivity.



For many school children in Rohtak, walking and cycling are the primary modes of commute. In many instances, highways must be crossed on the commute to school forcing children to face extremely perilous conditions, each and every day.

## GOAL

The purpose of this project is to transform Rohtak into a city where children can travel safely on the road, either by foot, cycle or transit, and irrespective of whether they are accompanied by an adult or on their own.

## OBJECTIVES

- 1 Reduce the crash risk for children of 5 school districts in Rohtak, through the provision of safer road infrastructure and better traffic management practices with a focus on the specific mobility challenges for children.
- 2 Influence a citywide scale-up of safer road infrastructure and traffic management practices for children, by building technical capacity of city officials and increasing stakeholder awareness.

## PROJECT SUMMARY

India Resources Trust (IRT) will implement “The Safer Commute for School Children Project - Rohtak, Haryana” in partnership with the Municipal Corporation of Rohtak, Rohtak Traffic Police and NASSCOM Foundation.

IRT will actively engage with school children and the community on the development of design and traffic management solutions. This will be done through activities such as focus group discussions, road safety inspections, trial demonstrations, workshops with school children, and activities on Raahgiri days. Infrastructure improvements are planned for a corridor connecting 5 high-risk schools and the Municipality of Rohtak is committed to the implementation of recommendations proposed by the project.

At the city level IRT will provide training to municipal and state engineers and engage them in the development and implementation of infrastructure changes. They will build the capacity of Police to improve their understanding of child road safety and enhance enforcement to protect children. Community support for improved child road safety will be achieved through working with the media, workshops with school children and activities on Raahgiri days.

Innovation includes student and community involvement in infrastructure design and the use of tactical urbanism to leverage infrastructure implementation.