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Selected Theme – Renovation of the incomplete footpath, causing inconvenience to the pedestrians.

Location of the identified issue - Near hotel Taniya, Maimollem, Vasco Da Gama - Goa

Problem Statement:

The unfinished construction on the footpath is causing significant inconvenience to the pedestrians, majorly to the senior citizens & students, who find it challenging to navigate through the incomplete area.

The risk of accidents escalates as pedestrians try to navigate around overgrown bushes encroaching on the footpath, compelling them to descend onto the road despite the presence of a designated walkway. In addition, absence of fence/ wall to avoid falling of pedestrians, in monsoons when the footpath submerges under rainwater & way is invisible. This poses a heightened danger for the pedestrians.

Number of Community members surveyed	10
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Name	Age	Occupation	Since how long have they been living in the area?
Dinesh Naik	42	Businessman	30
Ashok Mandrekar	64	Retired	45
Purvesh Naik	19	Student	19
Dhruv Naik	19	Student	19
Shobha Naik	64	Shopkeeper	40
Sakaram Bhagat	74	Farmer	63
Anju Borkar	47	Homemaker	19
Ramchandra Borkar	53	Service	52
Gomati Bhandodkar	75	Homemaker	56
Vasudev Bhandodkar	55	Taxi owner	55

Reasons mentioned for the problem/issue	Incomplete work, damaged pavers, damaged wall, overgrown bushes, electric poles placed in middle causing hinderance, negligence of the authorities regarding this issue, narrow way makes harder for 2 people to walk at the same time.
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Proposed workable Solutions suggested by community members	Widening of footpath, paver replacement, construction of fence/wall to avoid falling in lake, proper responsibility from municipality, regular clearing of unwanted bushes, completion/renovation.
Has anyone from the community tried solving the issues? Yes/No, Who and How?	Yes, the locals verbally complained to the ward councillor about the unsafe & incomplete footpath & problems faced by the pedestrians/ associated risks.
What happened when they tried solving the issue?	The matter was not taken under consideration and wasn't given priority and therefore the condition of the footpath remains bad till date.
Your groups understanding about the problem – Reason and solution	<p>No proper action was taken even after verbal complaints were done, the condition of the footpath is in extremely bad state and therefore increases the risk of harm to lives of the pedestrians as they choose to walk on the main road inspite of having a designated walkway due to overgrown bushes, hinderence of the electricity poles while walking, risk of falling in the lake due to lack of fence besides it.</p> <p>Solution: Renovation and replacement of damaged pavers, widening of the footpath/ placement of the electricity poles to be shifted at the side, establishment of a fence to avoid falling of pedestrians into the lake during mosoons, regular clearing of unwanted weeds to make the footpath comfortably accessible.</p>



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