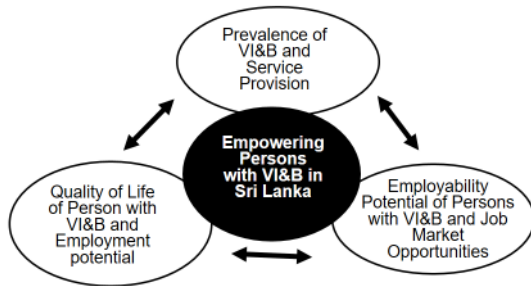


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Project in a Nutshell



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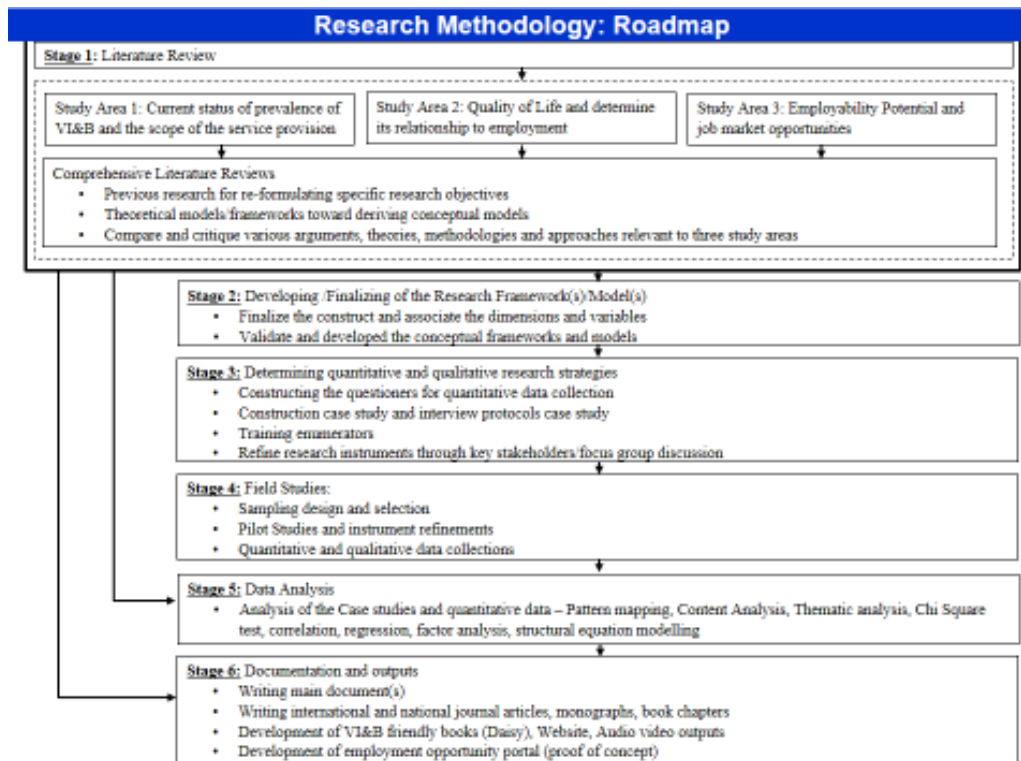
a. To determine prevalence of persons with VI&B and scope of service provision toward empowering them and support their social inclusion.

b. To develop and validate an instrument to assess (and benchmark) the quality of life of VI&B persons as applicable to socio-economic conditions and cultural dimensions prevailing in Sri Lanka.

c. To develop a mapping model for employability potential of persons with VI&B and job market opportunities based on their distinctive skills, training needs, attitude and behaviors.

Methodology:

- A mix methodology (qualitative /quantitative, case study/survey, as applicable) will be adapted
- Management Information Systems will be developed under each area, as applicable,
- Detailed and specific designs, approaches and methods will be worked out under each sub - project leading to M.Phil/PhD.



Expected contribution:

Outcome Indicators	2019		2020				2021				2022		Tot
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	
Working papers				1	1	1	1	1	2	1			8
Communications (abstracts)					1	1	1	1	2	1			7
Research papers in national conferences/symposia						1	1	1	2	2			7
Research papers in international conferences/symposia						1		1		1			3
Research publications in peer reviewed national journals						1	1		1	1			4
Research publications in peer reviewed internationally indexed journals								1		1	1		3
Research publications as books or monographs (national)										1	2		3
Research publications as books or monographs (international)											1		1
TOTAL				1	2	5	4	5	7	8	4		36

Team:

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