

**Name of the Project: "Guts for Change" Dry sanitation project at Garade Village Maharashtra**

**Name of Funding Organization: German Toilet Organization (GTO) , Bengo**

**Project Duration: 2012 - 2015**

**Project Description:**

'Guts for Change' project (2012) aimed at providing Urine Diversion Dry Toilets (UDDTs) to households of a hamlet named Darewadi in Garade village, located off Khed-Shivapur road, about 32km south of Pune since the village was witness to rampant open defecation and water scarcity among other issues. The UDDT's are excellent models of environmental sustainability, using minimum water and provides options for reuse of faeces and urine as fertilizers for the farms.

The funds for this project were raised by 4 gutsy German cyclists who cycled 10000 km from Germany to India and in total, for construction of 35 UDDTs for the corresponding number of families, 2 flush-toilets for the local ZP school and rainwater harvesting (RWH) system for the school. The cycle journey from Germany to India, followed by the collaboration between GTO and ESF has been well documented on film and this has been shown in various important places in India and abroad. Along with UDDT construction, ESF has carried a lot of software activities at the village, like conducting cycle rally from Pune to Darewadi, tree plantation drive, menstrual hygiene workshop for ladies of the village, how to reuse urine and faeces workshop for UDDT owner, mason training for locals to construct the UDDT etc. This has ensured community participation and awareness to make the project successful. By targeting all the families without toilets in the hamlet, ESF & GTO aimed to make the entire **hamlet 'open defecation free'**. The villagers are extremely happy with the reuse of urine and faeces and it has reduced expenditure on chemical fertilizers.

For more details, please visit <http://www.gutsforchange.de/en/>