

Name of the Project: Implementation of School Sanitation in Pune

Name of Funding Organization: Kohler India

Project Duration: 2015 - 2016

Project Description:

Globally, an estimated 2.6 billion people lack access to adequate sanitation. Diarrhoea alone kills one child every 20 seconds and almost 6,000 children die every day from diseases associated with inadequate sanitation, poor hygiene and unsafe water. Schools provide excellent opportunities to support sanitation and hygiene promotion programs since young children are extremely receptive to new concepts and certain positive hygienic behaviours can become engrained habits at that young age. Ecosan Services Foundation was approached by Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) India for implementing school sanitation in a school in Pune. CAF India is a registered charitable trust set up in 1998 to provide strategic and management support to corporate, individuals and NGOs with an aim to ensure greater impact of their philanthropic and CSR investments. Charities Aid Foundation is a leading international not-for-profit organisation, which works to make giving more effective and charities more successful.

Kohler India, with the aim of investing their CSR assets in refurbishing existing sanitation state of affairs of schools approached ESF through CAF. Under this project, Mahatma Phule Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Hadapsar, Pune was selected as the school as the beneficiary for this project. The focus for the project is the practical aspects of sanitation in its right perspective, laying emphasis on personal hygiene, proper sanitation, clean toilet habits, safe drinking water and disposal of waste water and human waste under this project. Ecosan Services Foundation successfully completed renovation of one complete toilet block in the school, and made it functional for the boys of the school. Along with the hardware refurbishments, the capacity building team of ESF carried out 2 day intensive sanitation, health and hygiene trainings for the school students, teachers and operation and maintenance staff of the school.