

Name of the Project: Direct Aid Program- Australia

Name of Funding Organization: Direct Aid Program- Australian High Commission

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Project Description:

The Direct Aid Program (DAP) provides small grants for activities that support development and strengthen communities in India and Bhutan. The Australian High Commission in New Delhi supports small-scale, sustainable development projects in north India and Bhutan, with grants typically up to 10 lakh INR or BTN equivalent. The Australian Consulate-Generals in Mumbai and Chennai are responsible for the DAP programs in central and south India. The hamlet of Rawdewadi is situated around the 3 to 4 km from the village centre. There are 112 households in Rawdewadi but the basic infrastructural facilities like water supply and sanitation are not satisfactory. The overall sanitation coverage in Rawdewadi is less than 40 %, meaning almost 70 % of the inhabitants practiced open defecation. Under the sustainable development program financed under the Direct Aid Program, Ecosan Services Foundation is working with the DAP to build Urine Diversion Dry Toilets in a hamlet Rawdewadi, about 32 kms from Pune in Khed Shivapur. 25 UDDTs have been constructed under this program. 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. Along with UDDT construction, ESF plans to carry lot of software activities at the village like urine and faeces re-use workshop for UDDT owners, tree plantation drive, menstrual hygiene workshop for ladies of the village, mason training for the locals to construct the UDDT etc. This will ensure community participation and awareness to make the project successful. By targeting all the families without toilets in the hamlet, ESF aims to make the entire hamlet 'open defecation free'.