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## Adani's sanitation campaign a boon for Mundra

The Adani foundation has funded 600toilets in villages of Mundra taluka

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Toilets under the total sanitation campaign launched by the Adani Foundation of the Adani group are proving to be a great boon to the rural women of Kutch, particularly in Mundra taluka. Adani foundation which is headed by Priti Adani, wife of Gautam Adani, chairman of the country's fast flourishing Adani group has already funded for 600 toilets in villages of this taluka while another 1,000 toilets are in pipeline this year.

Sushma Oza, chief executive officer of the Adani Foundation said, "Pritiben during her frequent visits to Kutch was moved by the sight of rural women, either answering the call of nature in open or carrying their 'night soil' from their home for its disposal in the village jungle for ages. She felt this must change and decided to raise more and more lavatories

in individual houses in every village under their total sanitation program."

The foundation which came into existence in 2007 replacing the old charitable trust also funds modern drainage system in the villages. "We consider this to be a big health hazard in rural area and we are so committed to this that we even fund special kind of toilets. Mahendrasingh the former sarpanch of Vanki village, when became handicapped in an accident and approached us, we provided him special disabled wheel chair to help him tide over his problem," she added.

The foundation spends around Rs4 to 5 crore every year on health, education and rural development. And is the first charitable trust attached to any industrial house to spend so much on integrated rural development in one taluka.

"We should do this as we are one of the fast growing CSR institutions in the country. We are playing a pioneering role in changing traditional idea of charity with sustainable development, for our end vision is to improve quality of life" said Priti Adani the managing trustee of Adani Foundation.

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