

Community-Led Total Sanitation



Dear friends and colleagues

Welcome to the **August 2009 CLTS Update.**

It has been quite a busy couple of months and many new items have gone up on the CLTS website. We are also in the process of further improving the look and functionality of the site, so watch this space. Over the coming months we will improve the search function so that it will be even easier for you to find exactly what you are looking for!

Please do contribute your own materials on CLTS, whether formal or informal, by emailing P.Bongartz@ids.ac.uk

NEW CLTS Photos

<http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/page/clts-photos>

More photos have been added to the flickr slideshow that you can view on the site. You can also visit the flickr CLTS page and view photos by different categories (eg natural leaders, mapping etc)

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/communityledtotalsanitation/>

Resources

NEW CLTS Handbook The CLTS Handbook is now a link on the menu under resources so that it is much easier to find! It is now also available in **Hindi**.

<http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/handbook-community-led-total-sanitation>

NEW In Focus Policy Briefing

This IDS Policy Briefing by Robert Chambers and Petra Bongartz asks how we can maximise the great potential for transforming rural sanitation that CLTS offers. It looks at enabling factors as well as obstacles to progress and proposes strategies for policy and practice based on the experience of what has worked in the areas of influencing and changing national policy, introducing CLTS into a country or part of a country and achieving and maintaining quality

<http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/beyond-subsidies-triggering-revolution-rural-sanitation-focus-policy-briefing>

NEW International Glossary of Shit

As those of you who have been to the CLTS Sharing and Learning workshops will know, we have been compiling a collection of words for shit in different languages. Have a look and a laugh and please do send contributions in your own language! <http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/international-glossary-shit>

NEW Open Letters

The two open letters that Kamal Kar and Robert Chambers wrote in November 2007 and August 2008 are now also available on the website. In the letters, they share their thoughts on going to scale with CLTS and issues surrounding trainers and training.

<http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/open-letters-clts>

NEW Guidelines to Triggering in French

The Guidelines to Triggering, the valuable short manual that preceded the CLTS Handbook, have been translated into French, thanks to an Engineers without Borders (EWB) volunteer in Burkina Faso, who took the initiative and then shared the translation with us.

<http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/practical-guide-triggering-community-led-total-sanitation>

ASIA

NEW Evaluation of Community-led Total Sanitation (Plan Nepal)

Evaluation commissioned by Plan Nepal and carried out by a team of external consultants from the Community Development Forum (CODEF) in 2006. The field assessment addressed issues like project relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, impact, sustainability and equity.

<http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/evaluation-community-led-total-sanitation-plan-nepal>

NEW Cambodia country pages updated

The introduction to the Cambodia country pages has been updated.

<http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/country/cambodia>

NEW CLTS Toolkit in Nepali

This booklet on CLTS practices and awareness raising to be used by facilitators in communities was launched by the Resource Centre Network Nepal (RCNN) during the Symposium on 'Sanitation Approaches and Technologies in Nepal' in March 2008.

<http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/clts-toolkit-nepali>

AFRICA

NEW Health Exchange

Njoroge Kamau, Health Advisor of Plan Kenya, Coast has contributed an article on CLTS to the June issue of Health Exchange (www.healthexchangeneews.com/) which focuses on the social determinants of health. The article describes how Plan Kenya and the Ministry of Public Health and Sanitation have used CLTS to successfully address the problems of low sanitation coverage, open defecation and their negative impacts on health. The article gives a good description of how the approach works, as well as its specific application in the Kenyan context.

<http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/healthy-places-healthy-people>

NEW New country page- Zimbabwe

A new country section for Zimbabwe has been added.

<http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/country/zimbabwe> You can read about the introduction of CLTS to Zimbabwe and the progress so far in the **NEW Update report on CLTS in Mutoko**

<http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/update-report-clts-mutoko-zimbabwe> which highlights the processes and activities undertaken to date, the achievements and challenges as well as lessons learnt. It also gives examples of new tools and innovations to the CLTS process that have emerged in Zimbabwe.

NEW Ethiopia WaSH-AcSearch Newsletter

The January to June 2009 instalment of Plan Ethiopia's newsletter is now online

<http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/wash-acsearch-newsletter> and you can also read about how CLTS in Ethiopia developed **NEW From Pilot to National Approach**

<http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/pilot-national-approach-clts-ethiopia>

NEW Introduction to the Mali section

Mali page now has some background on how CLTS was introduced in Mali and what has happened so far

<http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/country/mali> along with the **NEW Director's report (French)** of the evaluation and ODF verification of 14 communities in Kolokani.

<http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/compte-rendu-de-la-mission-du-directeur-r-gional-sur-l-valuation-finale-des-14-communaut-s->

NEW Breaking the silence through CLTS - A strategy for empowerment (Sierra Leone)

In this short article, Mariama Zombo, Community Empowerment Advisor of Plan Sierra Leone describes her experience of CLTS in Sierra Leone, successes, challenges and ways forward.

<http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/breaking-silence-through-clts-strategy-empowerment>

NEW Nigeria Otukpo report

In March 2009, UNICEF in collaboration with WaterAid held a regional CLTS sensitization and capacity development workshop for West African Anglophone countries in Otukpo, Benue State Nigeria. Read more about this workshop which aimed to build capacity of sector professionals on Community Led Total Sanitation in the West and Central Africa region. <http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/clts-sensitisation-and-capacity-development-anglophone-west-africa-regional-workshop-report>

NEWS

NEW Call for Submissions

Contributions are being sought from those working with CLTS (practitioners from NGOs and agencies, governments, Natural Leaders) who would like to contribute an article of up to 2500 words to the forthcoming issue of Participatory Learning and Action (<http://www.planotes.org/>) on Community-Led Total Sanitation in Africa. Contributions should capture practical experiences of practitioners in CLTS: processes they have been engaged in, achievements, lessons, innovations, challenges, ways forward. For more information on how to participate, please read the full call. The deadline for submissions is the **21st August 2009**.

<http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/story/call-submissions-contributions-participatory-learning-action-pla-issue-community-led-total-san>

NEW Liquid Dynamics: Rethinking Sustainability in Water and Sanitation

In Stockholm for World Water Week? Please join the STEPS by Lyla Mehta (IDS) for tea and cake, straight after the Closing **August**. The session will be looking at the often neglected and interaction between the social, technological and ecological and sanitation. Presentations and discussions will draw on areas and CLTS to address how alternative pathways can lead to pro-poor sustainability and social justice in relation to water and sanitation.



Centre's water team led Plenary on **Friday 21st** patterns of complexity dimensions of water research in peri-urban

<http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/story/liquid-dynamics-rethinking-sustainability-water-and-sanitation-world-water-week>

NEW Golden Poo Awards: Call for Nominations for Hygiene and Sanitation Champions

The Golden Poo Awards are being held on 15th October 2009 as part of [Day](#). As well as screening and awards for animated films on the themes of there will be awards made to those who have made outstanding fields. Read more about the event and find out how to nominate a the deadline for nominations is the **14th August!**



[Global Handwashing](#) hygiene and sanitation, contributions to these champion, but be quick,

<http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/story/golden-poo-awards-call-nominations-hygiene-and-sanitation-champions>

COUNTRY SECTIONS

NB: Many of the country introductions need updating. Please bear with us while we obtain the most recent updates from country contacts. If you would like to suggest information for the introduction section of your country, please contact P.Bongartz@ids.ac.uk

**Many good wishes,
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