

Dear colleagues and friends in CLTS and sanitation, we hope 2017 started well for you.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the WEDC sponsorship call- we were inundated with applications. Great to see the diversity of research and experiences and the eagerness to share the learning.

Here are this month's highlights which include some suggested reading, new publications, a blog and a competition. Of course there is other new content on the website too, so have a browse. And as always, we encourage you to [contact us](#) if you have CLTS-related news, experiences, writings and videos to share.

New publications on Monitoring, Verification and Certification



It is clear that monitoring, verification and certification are critical elements of the CLTS process and contribute to ensuring sustainability of ODF as well as learning about changes that are needed to improve implementation. The CLTS Knowledge Hub recently published a Learning Paper [Keeping Track](#) and the four page Learning Brief [Tracking Progress and Sustainability](#) summarise challenges, innovations and gaps in knowledge in the area of monitoring, verification and certification.

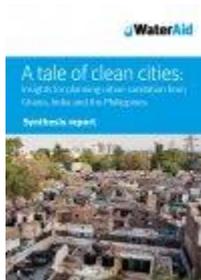
You might also like to take a look at the [national protocols and guidelines for verification and certification](#) that we have collected. If your country has a national protocol that is not listed here [please let us know](#)

Work in progress: Guide to CLTS in urban and peri-urban settings



Since the urban themed newsletter in September last year the CLTS Knowledge Hub has continued to work on the use of a community-led approach to total sanitation in peri-urban and urban areas. Last week we held a writeshop where we together with Practical Action and Plan International, begun working on a guide that draws on experiences from many different countries, organisations and urban typologies (i.e. small rural towns, medium sized cities and dense urban slums). We are still looking for new case-studies to use so if you are aware of any CLTS programmes in urban areas please [let us know by email](#).

Recommended reading: A tale of clean cities



This easy to read report answers question *Why are certain cities doing better in sanitation?* The study looked at Kumasi, Ghana; San Fernando, Philippines and Visakhapatna, India – a set of cities between 1 to 2.5 million people. In a nutshell what helped these cities make progress is that they built on the opportunities of the externally supported programmes, the role of the champions at the level of the community and municipalities and support available for innovation and learning. The report suggest a relatively restricted role of the top level planning and national policies, especially those which are done without the necessary resources. Download the report in English, French, Spanish or Portuguese [here](#)

Recommended by Mansoor Ali, Co-chair of the UK WASH Network

On the blog: Chickens don't use toilets



In CLTS and sanitation more generally, the focus has mostly been on the safe containment and disposal of human faeces to safeguard and improve human wellbeing. In recent years, we have seen an increasing awareness of the important link between the lack of good sanitation and the problems of undernutrition and

stunting among young children. This article adds another important element into the mix: animal faeces. It shares some compelling data to suggest that chicken shit in particular has a harmful impact on children's health, contributing to environmental enteropathy also known as environmental enteric dysfunction (EED). The evidence thus far collected certainly makes a strong case for further investigation and for activities that limit human exposure to animal faeces. You can read *Why global WASH efforts should start focusing on animal feces* in [Derek Headey's blog](#)

Photo competition: Picturing inclusive CLTS



Much recent research has shown that more efforts are needed to make sanitation and the gains and improvements we have already seen, sustainable and inclusive. As we emphasize in our recent book *Sustainable Sanitation for all*, it is imperative that better ways of reaching and meeting the specific needs of the poor, the marginalised and less able are found and made central to programming.

'A picture speaks a thousand words' - Seeing what inclusive CLTS might look like will give us a better sense of the more equitable and inclusive sanitation efforts we aspire to. We are looking for photographs that show examples of inclusive CLTS, highlight good practice, depict innovative programming and emphasize the need to 'reach the one in everyone'. For example, photos that

- show activities that aim at making CLTS inclusive
- feature an adaptation to a programme, either in terms of processes or infrastructures that make sanitation inclusive and meet the needs of a specific (normally excluded) group of people
- tell a story about how challenges around equity and inclusion have been addressed as part of CLTS,
- illustrate the plight and a corresponding solution of one of the groups of people which often faces exclusion or difficulty in accessing
- depict a monitoring or verification activity that tracks the inclusiveness of sanitation

For more information on how to enter the competition, [take a look at the details here](#)

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