

CLTS Newsletter July 2016

Welcome to the July 2016 edition of the CLTS newsletter.

A warm welcome to new subscribers! It was great to meet both new and familiar faces at the Brisbane WASH Conference in May. And as we speak, we are gearing up for the 39th International WEDC Conference in Kumasi, Ghana (more on that below). Two CLTS Knowledge Hub members (Jamie and Robert) have just concluded a workshop in Ethiopia on using a CLTS approach and/or CLTS tools in urban environments. So we have some exciting insights and outputs to share from that in this newsletter.

We are excited that our new book *Sustainable Sanitation for All: Experiences, challenges and innovations* will be out on the 15th July 2016. Below you will find details of how you can buy a hardcopy or download a free electronic version. We will be launching the book at the WEDC Conference in Ghana, so if you are there, please join us on Tuesday 12th July in Kumasi in our evening side session.

Finally, thank you to everyone who helped with our user survey. It was great to get your feedback on the services we offer. If you did not take part but have feedback on the website, the newsletter, our workshops or publications, please feel free to [contact us](#) anytime.

Highlights this month include:

Join us for CLTS activities at the WEDC International Conference in Ghana

If you are attending the 39th WEDC International Conference in Kumasi, Ghana, why not join us and other CLTS practitioners for

- a [CLTS Sharing and Learning workshop](#) on the 10th July
- the [launch of our book Sustainable Sanitation for All: Experience, challenges and innovations](#) (Tuesday 12th July, evening side session)
- Jamie Myers' paper on Using a CLTS approach and/or CLTS tools in urban environments: Themes and Trends. (Wednesday 13th July, morning session)
- a session on The partial usage of toilets: a growing problem presented by Jamie Myers and Robert Chambers (Wednesday 13th July, morning session)
- conversations and free copies of our publications at the CLTS stall in the exhibition area



39th WEDC International Conference

Ensuring Availability and Sustainable Management of
Water and Sanitation for All

Please consult the conference programme for details of the exact times and rooms for these sessions.

See this [overview flyer](#) of all Hub activities at the WEDC Conference

Using a CLTS approach in peri-urban and urban environments



The CLTS Knowledge Hub at the Institute of Development Studies, with the help of Plan International Ethiopia, convened a three day workshop in Addis Ababa. The workshop titled ‘Using a CLTS approach in peri-urban and urban environments’ brought together people who had been involved in urban CLTS programmes to share their varied experiences and discuss what added value a CLTS approach can bring to the urban context..

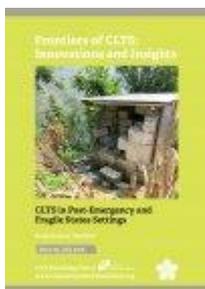
The outputs include [a 4 page learning brief which is available now here](#) and a longer learning paper to be published later this month. The paper is not a straight forward record of events but focuses on what were agreed as important stages of an urban CLTS process. Each stage is explained, examples provided and advice given. The intention is not a guidebook but a set of ideas and considerations for those interested in embarking on a similar approach.

You may also like to check out two related blogs that summarise some of the discussions and issues raised at the workshop.

[Can CLTS work in urban areas](#) by Katherine Pasteur

[Reflections on the Addis workshop on using CLTS in urban and peri-urban contexts](#) by Deepak Sanan

Free webinar on CLTS in Post-Emergency and Fragile States Settings



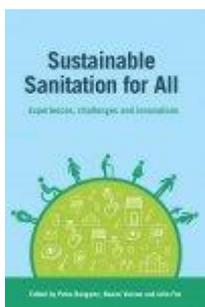
To launch the 9th issue of [Frontiers of CLTS: Innovations and Insights](#) the CLTS Knowledge Hub is hosting a free webinar on CLTS in Post-Emergency and Fragile States Settings. [Sign up now](#). The webinar will take place on July 21st from 11.30-13.00 BST. ([Find out your equivalent local time](#))

Frank Greaves, the lead author, will present the potential and some of the learnings, on how CLTS, as a community-based collaborative approach to sanitation behavioural change, can be applied successfully in contexts of fragility and displacement, leading to communities more convinced and prepared to maintain and develop safe sanitation practices. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.

Frank Greaves has worked in the role of WASH Lead for Tearfund since 2007. His key interest is in the application of WASH approaches which are sustainable throughout the Relief-to-Development continuum.

[Sign up for the free webinar](#)

Sustainable Sanitation for all: experiences, challenges, innovations



The CLTS Knowledge Hub is pleased to announce the publication of its new book 'Sustainable Sanitation for all: Experiences, challenges and innovations'. The book, published by Practical Action, started with a week-long writeshop and brings together contributions from 23 writers.

2.4 billion people worldwide still lack access to adequate sanitation facilities and the poorest and most vulnerable members of society are often not reached and their specific needs are not met.

Describing the landscape of sustainability of CLTS and sanitation with reference to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and through examples from Africa and Asia, the book captures a range of experiences and innovations from a broad range of institutions and actors within the WASH sector, and attempts to make recommendations and practical suggestions for policy and practice for practitioners, funders, policymakers and governments.

This book explores current experiences, practices, challenges, innovations and insights, as well as identifying a future research agenda and gaps in current knowledge.

You can [order a hardcopy of the book](#) or [download a free electronic version here](#) from the **15th July 2016** onwards

New on the blog

Can CLTS Work in Urban Areas?



This was the question being considered at a recent IDS CLTS Knowledge Hub event held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, organised with Plan International Ethiopia. This useful and productive learning and sharing event entitled “Using a CLTS Approach and Tools in Peri-Urban and Urban Environments” took place from 13th to 15th June 2016.

[Read more](#)

Oh Sarpanch of Dudha, you helped determine the national policy



The budget announcement of 2016 included this – ‘In order to continue this (Swachh Bharat) momentum, priority allocation from Centrally Sponsored Schemes will be made to reward villages that have become free from open defecation’.

[Read more](#)

Rapid Action Learning Units — Real Time learning and adaptation for Swachh Bharat Mission



On a recent visit to a village in central India, we felt as if we had travelled back in time to the days of the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), when toilets were built as a tick-box exercise. Over a hundred concrete stalls with latrine pans had been built in the settlement. We call them concrete stalls instead of toilets: few were functional as they had faulty designs and connections to pits. Only one was in use... well, technically two —one as an actual toilet and the other as a storehouse for electric material.

[Read more](#)

Reflections on the Addis workshop on using CLTS in urban and peri-urban contexts



I am placing below some reflections after attending the urban CLTS workshop in Addis:

1. My objective in attending was to enhance my knowledge of the understanding and practice of the application of CLTS in urban areas, the issues involved and potential ways to move forward. My objective was more than adequately addressed by the range of experiences that I got to hear about.

2. What I have distilled from these three days (both during sessions and conversations at meal times and in coffee sessions) is summarized below under a certain number of headings.

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Reporting from the Brisbane WASH Futures Conference



The theme for the 2016 WASH Futures Conference was pathways to universal and sustained water, sanitation and hygiene. Over 90 papers, 65 posters and 3 plenaries as well as 18 training workshops; in the opening plenary a few big themes were introduced (repeatability, stories, partnerships, and equity) that echoed through the conference.

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Shit will be fought with shit



Hands of majority of motivators in Fatehgarh Saheb rise to a question – ‘how many of you have taken shit in your hands?’ It is surprising. Hands rise without hesitation, with pride though. One would expect hands rise to holding a sweet in hand, their child in arms, or a precious thing, may be. But shit? Asked don’t they feel the disgust, they reply in negative. They say that this way, they are able to explain most convincingly the relation between shit, flies and food. A sarpanch (village headman) seconds this – he says people get moved by this the most.

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Tracking the construction of latrines in Zambia



Monitoring is always an important part of the development process, especially in CLTS. What are the factors and milestones we discuss when it comes to improving Water, Sanitation and Hygiene? We discuss Open Defecation Free status (ODF). We discuss uptake of handwashing with soap. We also discuss the construction of latrines. All of these factors can be indicators that will point to improved sanitation standards and the potential reduction of diarrheal disease. But how can we monitor and evaluate these indicators in a regular, timely, and accurate way?

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News and resources by country

Bangladesh

Sanitation in Bangladesh: Revolution, Evolution, and New Challenges



Bangladesh is a hub of sanitation experimentation and model-building. It is internationally recognised as the place where Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) first succeeded in eliminating open defecation (OD) from whole villages. This and other achievements rest on a broad foundation. After briefly reviewing the history of sanitation promotion in rural Bangladesh, this paper summarises the most urgent issues and challenges related to sustaining the country’s achievements in 2015.

[Read more](#)

India

Handbook on Accessible Household Sanitation for Persons with Disabilities

As part of the national effort to include everyone, everywhere to access improved sanitation and to provide equal opportunities for persons with disabilities (PwDs), the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MDWS), Government of India launched the 'Handbook on Accessible Household Sanitation facilities for Persons with Disabilities' in association with WaterAid India in December 2015. [Read more](#)

Indonesia

Breaking Through the Limits: Community-based Total Sanitation Implementation in North Jakarta



This is a report on the completion of the CLEAN J (CLEAN Jakarta) project, sharing approaches, good practices, learnings and next steps from the two-year project.

[Read more](#)

Gathering the nation's jewels: the sanitation fighters from all over the nation



In 'Gathering the Nation's Jewels: the sanitation fighters from all over nation', World Vision Indonesia brings together a collection of stories featuring sanitation champions from the CLEAN J Project.

[Download Gathering the Nation's Jewels](#)

Kenya

Sanergy welcomes Kenya's new sanitation policy

At the end of May, the Kenyan Ministry of Health launched the Kenya Environmental Sanitation and Hygiene Policy, 2016-2030. The policy was the result of two years of collective efforts by various stakeholders in Kenya's public and private sectors on the promotion of environmental sanitation and health. In this article, Sanergy welcomes the policy and summarises its four priority areas. [Read more](#)

Determinants of Usage of Communal Sanitation Facilities in Informal Settlements of Kisumu, Kenya

This paper draws on SHARE PhD Student Sheillah Simiyu's research into urban sanitation in Kenya. Communal sanitation facilities in space-stricken informal settlements have often

been deemed the most feasible solution for increasing access to and use of sanitation facilities in these settings. However, to date little is known about their use and effectiveness, particularly in Africa's informal settlements. This study used quantitative and qualitative methods to assess the determinants of use of communal sanitation facilities in the informal settlements of Kisumu.

[Read more](#)

Other news and resources

A Time for Global Action: Addressing Girls' Menstrual Hygiene Management Needs in Schools

A lack of adequate guidance, facilities, and materials for girls to manage their menstruation in school is a neglected public health, social, and educational issue that requires prioritization, coordination, and investment. [Read more](#)

Sanitation for all: Scaling up is hard to do

On World Water Day 2016, Jan Willem Rosenboom reflects on the challenges and opportunities for meeting the SDGs for sanitation:

"The Sustainable Development Goals give us a second chance to get it right, but they seriously up the ante. Instead of "merely" providing half of the unserved population with access to improved sanitation, as the MDGs required, the SDGs tell us we can only declare success once every person, every school and every health facility has — and uses — safely managed sanitation facilities.

[Read more](#)

CLTS Sharing and Learning at Brisbane WASH Futures (Report)



Report from the CLTS Sharing and Learning Workshop hosted by the CLTS Knowledge Hub on Wednesday 18th May 2016 at the Brisbane WASH Futures Conference. At the workshop, participants from different countries and organisations had the opportunity to exchange experiences, discuss ideas, challenges, innovations and to network with each other. Topics that featured prominently on the day were sustainability, equity and inclusion, monitoring, verification and certification.

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Second review of CLTS in the East Asia and Pacific Region



This UNICEF review is aimed as a timely contribution to overall knowledge on the provision of equitable and sustainable sanitation and hygiene for all – highlighting what has worked, and issues that still need attention, especially in the area of Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS).

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Sanitation and nutrition: Let's break the vicious circle!

What are the links between poor sanitation and child malnutrition? Watch [Generation Nutrition](#)'s animated film to find out the answer.

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