

CLTS Newsletter March 2015

Welcome to the first newsletter in 2015! We hope the new year started well for you.

There are many interesting new resources on the website, including some fantastic blogs and a new Frontiers issue (see below). Please take a look!

We look forward to hearing from you with your CLTS news, experiences, resources and documentations that can be added to the CLTS website and of course also your feedback, questions and ideas- [please get in touch](#) [1]. We also hope to meet some of you in person at the workshops, conferences and events which you can find [here](#) [2].

Many good wishes from

Petra, Robert, Naomi and Jamie at the CLTS Knowledge Hub

Sustainability and CLTS: Taking stock- Frontiers Issue 4 out now



We are pleased to announce that issue 4 of our publication series [Frontiers of CLTS: Innovations and Insights](#) [4] has just been published. It focuses on one of the most burning subject matters that subsumes many of the issues that we are seeing in CLTS and wider WASH practice: sustainability. There have been several useful studies on sustainability that have highlighted some of the different aspects as well as the complexities involved. However, it is unclear how much of the learning from these studies has been built into current and future programming and practice. Based on existing research and our own understanding, this issue of Frontiers of CLTS is an attempt at an up to date synthesis of where we are at the beginning of 2015. In the issue, we identify some priority areas for learning: How to phase in sanitation marketing; Post-ODF engagement of government, NGOs, donors and others; How to ensure equity and inclusion; How to transform social norms; Monitoring, learning, changing.

[Download CLTS and Sustainability: Taking Stock](#) [5]

French and Portuguese versions will follow shortly. Versions française et portugaise suivront sous peu. Versões francesa e portuguesa seguirá em breve.

Webinar on Participatory Design Development for Sanitation



The CLTS Knowledge Hub is hosting a [webinar on Participatory Design Development for Sanitation](#) [7] on Thursday 26th March 2015 at 10am GMT (find your local time [here](#) [8]).

[Register for the free webinar now](#) [9]

Ben Cole, the author of [Frontiers issue 1](#) [10] will be discussing his experiences in applying participatory design to accompany and extend Malawi's national CLTS program since 2012.

Participatory design is a natural extension to the processes applied in CLTS programs. Indeed, participatory design is identified in the original CLTS handbook (Kar and Chambers, 2008) but few practitioners or researchers have explored or applied the approach.

Ben's work in three rural districts in Malawi demonstrated the immense potential that participatory design can offer to CLTS programming. It offers a low-cost, engagement tool

that can support traditional follow-up approaches to CLTS programming. Ben will present the three-day design workshops he applied in Malawi and explain the process, outcomes and follow-up.

Ben will also discuss the refinement and testing of the locally inspired designs and present how the designs were used as the focal point for a social marketing approach to sanitation supported by UNICEF Malawi.

Most importantly, participatory design is in its infancy in sanitation programming. Ben is keen to meet and learn from other practitioners that have, or are interested in applying, participatory design across the globe.

[Sign up now to participate in the free webinar on 26th March 2015.](#) [9]

New UNICEF Sanitation and Hygiene Learning Series



UNICEF has published the first two notes in a new Sanitation and Hygiene Learning Series which is being developed in collaboration with UNICEF Country Offices.

[Key Findings of a Sanitation Supply Chains Study in Eastern and Southern Africa- UNICEF Technical Brief](#) [12]

This technical brief is based on the main findings of a report commissioned by UNICEF entitled “Regional Supply Chains for Sanitation in Eastern and Southern Africa”. The objectives of this study were:

- To provide an in-depth review of sanitation commodity/raw material pricing across the Region.

- To review availability of sanitation products/materials from a regional perspective.

- To review opportunities and barriers to intercountry trade in the Region.

- To review access to appropriate services and products from a rural user’s perspective.

[CLTS in Fragile and Insecure Contexts: Experience from Somalia and South Sudan- UNICEF WASH Field Note](#) [13]

During more than 20 years of civil conflict in both Somalia and South Sudan, sanitation interventions were mostly limited to construction of emergency latrines for affected populations or education on sanitation and hygiene (using the Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) approach) followed by fully subsidized latrine programmes for selected households. There is little evidence that these interventions achieved the desired results. With this background in mind, UNICEF WASH teams in both countries decided to introduce CLTS. This Field Note describes the experiences of implementing CLTS programmes in these fragile contexts with recommendations on where the approach needs to be adapted to be applied in these settings.

Other notes will be released as they are ready in the coming months. Upcoming topics include: Small towns sanitation approaches, Mobile to web monitoring of large-scale CLTS, Microplanning, Application of Social Norms and Experiences with Sanitation Marketing.

New on the blog

Gender Issues in Water and Sanitation Programmes: Lessons from India



With around 70% of India's 1.2 billion people living in rural areas and still suffering the burden of sub-optimal water provision as well the indignity of poor/no sanitation, the job of providing water, sanitation and hygiene for the household invariably falls on women. The UN Commission on Sustainable Development has very aptly affirmed that 'water has a woman's face'.

[Read more](#) [14]

Lessons from Pakistan



The Pakistan Approach to Total Sanitation (PATS) endorses a number of different total sanitation models of which Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) is one. Last week I attended the 2nd Pakistan Conference on Sanitation (PACOSAN II) in Islamabad. The conference was organised by the Ministry of Climate Change, with the support of WaterAid, UNICEF, Water and Sanitation Program – South Asia (WSP-SA), Plan Pakistan and other sector partners.

[Read more](#) [15]

Raising awareness on open defecation in Indonesia



Indonesia has a massive problem of open defecation. The WHO/UNICEF JMP reports estimates that there are around 55 million people practicing open defecation in the country, or one quarter approximately of the population. This is the second highest country total, after India. Open defecation is mostly by the poorest populations and they bear the heaviest burden. Children – already vulnerable and marginalized - pay the highest price in respect of their survival and development. This well-established traditional behaviour is deeply ingrained through practice from early childhood.

[Read more](#) [16]

Ten arguments for why gender should be a central focus for universal health coverage advocates



To make universal health coverage (UHC) truly universal we need an approach which places gender and power at the centre of our analysis. This means we need a discussion about who is included, how health is defined, what coverage entails and whether equity is ensured. To celebrate Universal Health Coverage Day RinGs has put together a list of ten arguments for why gender should be a central focus within UHC.

[Read more](#) [17]

We survived the war by working together and supporting each other – and we can do the same with sanitation! CLTS in South Sudan



The boma chief said it all. One of the youngest boma chiefs in the Torit County, he stood up at the end of the CLTS triggering meeting and told his community:

[Read more](#) [18]

News and resources by country

Cambodia

Testing CLTS Approaches for Scalability CLTS Learning Series: Cambodia Country Report



This report presents findings on Plan International's Community-led Total Sanitation (CLTS) approach in Cambodia. The study was conducted by The Water Institute at UNC as part of the Plan International USA project: "Testing CLTS Approaches for Scalability" (TCAS), which evaluates the roles of the following local actors in CLTS: local government, teachers, and natural leaders. [Read more](#) [19]

Ethiopia

Plan Ethiopia Update on Progress and Achievements in Sanitation and Hygiene promotion



WASH News update from Plan Ethiopia, on sanitation and hygiene related activities in the last 6 months. [Read more](#) [20]

Ghana

Kadjebi to halt open defecation by 2015

Kadjebi District in Ghana is working hard at becoming the first to end open defecation in 2015. [Read more](#) [21]

India

Delhi: Achieving ODF status



With the fact that nearly 35% of Delhi slum dwellers still practise open defecation, most of community and public toilets in the capital remains non-functional; the present scenario doesn't seem to meet the goals of Delhi Master Plan for making the city Open Defecation Free (ODF) by 2015. In this article, Ajay Sinha, Chief Operating Officer, Feedback Foundation Trust addresses the key challenges in achieving the goals. [Read more](#) [22]

Accelerating the reduction of open defecation in rural India begins by admitting the problem



A note by Diane Coffey of the [r.i.c.e. Institute](#) [23], on India's sanitation problem- its cultural and political context and possible ways forward.

[Download the note](#) [24]

[Read more](#) [25]

A study of Natural Leaders' Networks in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh



This study, commissioned and funded by the CLTS Knowledge Hub at IDS and carried out by Vijeta Rao, looked at the work of Natural Leaders in two states in India, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. It seeks to understand the feasibility of forming Natural Leaders into a network to accelerate progress towards ODF. [Read more](#) [26]

Caste complicates push for Clean India

India's caste system, in which the lower castes are seen as responsible for cleaning may be an obstacle to Modi's vision of a Clean India (Swachh Bharat) [Read more](#) [27]

Indonesia

Triggering Five Pillars STBM: “CLTS Implementation Learning in Tiwerea Village, Ende District –Indonesia”



Indonesia has adopted CLTS as the national approach to sanitation. STBM (Sanitasi Total Berbasis Masyarakat =Community Based Total Sanitation) is the national policy on comprehensive hygiene and sanitation. [Read more](#) [28]

Kenya

Update on UCLTS in Mathare, Nairobi



An update from Plan Kenya on activities, achievements, progress and future plans for the UCLTS project in Mathare, Nairobi.

[Read the latest from the urban CLTS project in Mathare](#) [29]

[Read more](#) [30]

Nepal

Impact of Open Defecation Free (ODF) Campaign - a case study of Ranipani VDC, Parbat/Nepal



Case study of CLTS in Ranipani, Nepal.

[Read the Ranipani case study](#) [31]

[Read more](#) [32]

Nigeria

In Ekiti, it's war against open defecation

Owners of houses without toilets in Ekiti are now in a heated rush to meet the deadline set for them to correct the ugly anomaly by Governor Ayodele Fayose, reports Sam Nwaoko.

On the programme tagged "Meet Your Governor", Governor Fayose had issued a two-month ultimatum to landlords whose houses were without toilets in any part of the state, hinting that the government would take steps against them if they failed to make amends.

[Read more](#) [33]

Nigeria: Rescue From Diseases Through Water, Sanitation, Hygiene

The Guardian visited some of the Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) projects in Anambra state, which were commissioned by the United Nation Children Fund (UNICEF) with support from European Union (EU). The Guardian investigation revealed that the WASH programme and CLTS are very good and have reduced water borne diseases as well as met targets.

[Read more](#) [34]

Pakistan

Guiding Booklet for PATS (Pakistan Approach to Total Sanitation)



To support capacity building for PATS, the Pakistan Approach to Total Sanitation, UNICEF and the Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) developed a series of guiding booklets:

[Guidance for the Social Organizers \(SO\)](#) [35]

[Read more](#) [36]

Rural sanitation in flood affected areas evaluation

Post Floods 2010, UNICEF with other development partners developed and implemented a large-scale sanitation recovery initiative. The initiative is known as Early Recovery Scaling-up of Rural Sanitation in Flood Affected Districts (RuSFAD). It was jointly developed by UNICEF, UN HABITAT and Plan Pakistan (PP). The field implementation was undertaken by leading national non-profit organizations across Pakistan. With some overlapping, the project was implemented in three phases during 2010-12. The third phase was planned during late 2011; however, its implementation started in early 2012.

[Read more](#) [37]

Pakistan Approach to Total Sanitation (PATS)

This document (2011) by the Ministry of Environment, Government of Pakistan, sets out the national sanitation policy of Pakistan's Approach for Total Sanitation (PATS). [Read more](#) [38]

PACOSAN II Declaration



Between the 17th and 18th of February 2015, the 2nd Pakistan Conference on Sanitation (PACOSAN) took place in Islamabad, Pakistan. [Read more](#) [39]

IRSP wins Star Impact Awards 2014 runner up category for WASH in Asia-Pacific



[Integrated Regional Support Program](#) [40] (IRSP), an [End Water Poverty](#) [41](EWP) member which also coordinates [Fresh Water Action Network – South Asia](#) [42] (FANSA) in Pakistan, has won a \$50,000 prize for its work on water and sanitation in the country.

[Read more](#) [43]

South Africa

The Link Between Functioning Toilets and Justice

A video by the Open Society Foundation for South Africa

[Read more](#) [44]

South Sudan

CLTS in a Post-Conflict Situation: South Sudan



In September 2014, two CLTS trainings took place in Torit County and Kapoeta North County in South Sudan. The following report by Ross Kidd gives details of the training processes as well as many anecdotes, stories and examples to illustrate the way in which communities in this post-conflict setting responded to CLTS.

[Read more](#) [45]

Other news and resources

Realizing the Right to Sanitation in Deprived Urban Communities

There are serious institutional challenges associated with low-cost sanitation in deprived urban communities. These include a collective action challenge, a coproduction challenge, a challenge of affordability versus acceptability, and a challenge related to housing tenure. This paper Gordon McGranahan (IIED) examines these challenges, revealing both the importance of community-driven sanitation improvement and its difficulties.

[Read more](#) [46]

Sanitation for improved lives of women and children

Report from a seminar on sanitation, girls and women's health and menstrual hygiene organized by Sida and WaterAid on World Toilet Day 2014 at Sida HQ in Stockholm, Sweden. [Read more](#) [47]

Sanitation and stunting: What do toilets have to do with nutrition?



On Wednesday 25 March 2015, from 12:30 -14:00, a lunch-time conference on the linkages between sanitation and nutrition will take place at the European Commission in Brussels. [Read more](#) [48]

Webinar on gender, violence and access to WASH/ Webinaire Genre, violence et accès aux services EAH

On Tuesday 17th March 2015 at 13.30 GMT (English) and 16.00 GMT (French), RWSN and WaterAid will be hosting a webinar on gender, violence, and access to WASH.

This will be based on the [gender, violence and WASH toolki](#) [49].

[Read more](#) [50]

Winners of the CLTS Photo Competition

We have chosen the winners of our Picturing CLTS photo competition. Thank you to everyone who submitted photos. It was great to see such diverse depictions of CLTS in action and of many related aspects like handwashing, inclusive WASH and monitoring. [Read more](#) [51]

World Bank report stresses behavioural aspects

A World Bank report — Mind Society and Behaviour — describes an impressive set of results when behavioural aspects are integrated into development policies. Released recently, the report shows that insights into how people make decisions can lead to new interventions that help households to save more, firms to increase productivity, communities to reduce the prevalence of diseases, parents to improve cognitive development in children, and consumers to save energy. [Read more](#) [52]

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