

# Community- led Total Sanitation

**CLTS Newsletter October 2013**



**Welcome to the October edition of the CLTS Newsletter with an array of new resources, news stories, blogs and other materials on the CLTS website.**

***Highlights include***



## **SACOSAN V**

From the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October 2013, the 5<sup>th</sup> South Asian Conference on Sanitation took place in Kathmandu, Nepal. It resulted in the [Kathmandu Declaration](#) in which the delegations from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives,

Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka set out their agreements on and commitments to principles for policy and good practice. On the blog, you can get an [overview of the conference and read about the host country's success with its sanitation and hygiene master plan](#). There were [many CLTS-related events](#) as well as a successful exhibition stall at the conference. [Read about the one day Sharing and Learning workshop on CLTS](#) that took place the day before the conference- it included discussions about sustainability, M&E and sanitation marketing. If you are interested in issues of equity, inclusion and disability, you might like to read the blog [Reaching the unreached](#). And if you attended the conference and would like to share your own reflections, why not [get in touch](#) with us.

## **Sanitation and hygiene in Africa: Where do we stand?**

This new publication edited by Piers Cross and Yolande Coombes and published by IWA is an analysis of the sanitation and hygiene situation in Africa based on the AfricaSan 3 conference that took place in Kigali, Rwanda in July 2011. It takes stock of progress made by African countries through the AfricaSan process since 2008 and the progress needed to meet

the MDG on sanitation by 2015 and beyond. This book addresses priorities which have been identified by African countries as the key elements which need to be addressed in order to accelerate progress. You can [download a free copy of the publication](#) or [order a hardcopy from IWA](#).

## Global Handwashing Day



The 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013 was [Global Handwashing Day](#). To mark the occasion, we highlighted many handwashing related resources on the website. Check out the [Global Handwashing Day theme video](#) produced by the [Global Public-Private Partnership for Handwashing with Soap \(PPPHW\)](#). This [UNICEF infographic](#) colourfully

captures important facts and figures related to handwashing with soap. Read why [handwashing is part and parcel of CLTS](#). And for tried and tested ways to trigger for handwashing, take a look at the [Triggering for Handwashing in CLTS](#) manual from Malawi. And if you have innovative ways to trigger handwashing, please [be in touch!](#)

## Call for contributions: Safe disposal of children's faeces- your experiences, learning and insights

Even in communities who have adopted good sanitation and hygiene behaviour, the disposal of children's faeces often remains an issue. There is a common belief that small children's shit is harmless and therefore adequate sanitation and hygiene behaviours are neglected. Do the communities with whom you work have good practices around this issue that you can share? How is the safe disposal of children's faeces incorporated into triggering, follow up and monitoring? Please [get in touch and share your experiences, learning, innovations and ideas](#) in this area.

## World Toilet Day



The 19<sup>th</sup> November is [World Toilet Day](#) – a day of action to raise awareness of the global sanitation challenge and celebrate the many efforts that are already taking place to address it. How will you celebrate World Toilet Day? If you need inspiration, there are ideas and suggestions as well as useful resources on the

[World Toilet Day website](#). We would love to hear about your events and see

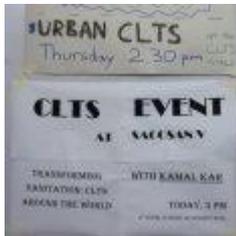
photos and videos. Please [write to us and share your activities](#) and we will post them here on the website. The CLTS Knowledge Hub at IDS is marking the occasion with the launch of a new publication series

## **Frontiers in CLTS: Innovations and Insights**

This series of short notes will offer practical guidance on new methods and approaches and thinking on broader issues. You can find out more about the series and download a flyer with information [here](#). Sign up to receive e-versions of new issues of the series as they come out. Hardcopies will be disseminated at forthcoming workshops, conferences and events.

## **New on the blog**

### **[CLTS events during SACOSAN V: Transforming sanitation and urban CLTS](#)**



Apart from the pre-conference workshop, there were two CLTS events during the SACOSAN V in Kathmandu. One was on ‘**Transforming sanitation: CLTS around the world**’ and attracted a very high attendance. For around one hour, Kamal Kar (CLTS Foundation), Deepak Sanan (CLTS Foundation), Robert Chambers (Institute of Development Studies) and Chris Williams

(WSSCC Executive Director) shared their views on how CLTS has evolved and influenced the sanitation sector.

### **[CLTS Sharing and Learning workshop in Kathmandu, Nepal: sustainability, M&E and sanitation marketing](#)**



On the 20th October 2013, a one-day *CLTS Sharing and Learning workshop* was held in Kathmandu, Nepal, in the run-up to the 5<sup>th</sup> South Asian Conference on Sanitation (SACOSAN V). We were 45 participants, coming from different countries –with Nepal leading in terms of numbers of participants and India second– and with various degrees and kinds of experience in CLTS.

### **[Reaching the unreached: more from Sacosan V](#)**



There was a very appealing session in the [SACOSAN V](#) about equity and inclusion: ‘Reaching the unreached’, indeed very adequate for the conference’s motto “Sanitation for All: All for Sanitation”.

### **[Reflections from World Water Week 2013](#)**



I enjoyed World Water Week. There were some good sessions, old friends and new people to meet, and a lot to learn. This year the theme was Water Cooperation: Building Partnerships. The bias to water was understandable but if anything stronger than usual – my rough count is that about one session in ten was on sanitation or WASH, but that was enough to keep you busy as sessions ran in parallel and much of the time there was something relevant to go to.

## **[Sacosan V: An overview of the conference and Nepal's sanitation and hygiene master plan](#)**



The South Asian Conference on Sanitation ([SACOSAN V](#)) kicked off on the 21 October 2013 in Kathmandu. It is a biennial convention providing a platform for interaction on sanitation to South Asian countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka), enabling learning from past experiences and setting actions for the future.

## **News and resources by country**

### **Angola**

## **["Shit should have its own house": Impressions from a CLTS training workshop in Calai, Angola](#)**



In August 2013, SAREP (USAID's Southern Africa Regional Environmental Program) organized a one week Training of CLTS Facilitators Workshop in Calai, southern Angola. The Angola workshop was the third in a series of CLTS training events held in the three countries the SAREP initiative is working in (Botswana, Namibia and Angola)..

[Read more about the training in Calai, Angola](#) in this account by Ross Kidd, Pusuletso Kidd and Gomolemo Mokete.

### **Ghana**

## **[Thousands in the north of Ghana benefit from CLTS project](#)**

A three-million dollar initiative, Result Based Financing for Sustainable Sanitation and Hygiene project seeking to improve WASH coverage in four districts of the Northern Region, has been launched in Banvim in Tamale.

A total of 112,500 from 75 communities in the West and East Gonja, Tamale Metro and Saboba as well as 4000 school children are to benefit from the three-year project, which is being financed by the government of Japan through its Social Development Fund.

## **[Tool for curbing Open Defecation in Northern Ghana](#)**

CLTS is helping to improve sanitation in the Northern regions of Ghana.

[Read more in GhanaWeb, 24th September 2013](#)

## **India**

### **[Enough of shit, please!](#)**



A comprehensive account of India's sanitation problem and a compelling case for CLTS by Nipun Vinayak.

[Read \*Enough of Shit, please\*](#)

### **[Poor sanitation a strong predictor of child stunting](#)**

Poor sanitation is a better predictor of child stunting than calorie consumption, new data shows. The authors of the [study](#) say, however, that both sanitation and calorie consumption contribute in different ways to health and well-being.

### **[A toilet for you is a toilet for me](#)**

Being rich insulates rich Indians from most things... but not from being short.

Even those who are well off and have a toilet are not immune to the negative consequences of inadequate or no sanitation, including stunted growth.

[Read the rest of this blog in The Hindu, 19th September 2013](#)

## **Kenya**

### **[Why Wait in the Queue? How Kenya's Slum Dwellers are Reclaiming their Toilets](#)**



In Mathare, a large slum in Nairobi, lack of sanitation is one of the major problems facing the 600,000 inhabitants. The Kenyan government constructed public

latrines here decades ago but the Nairobi City Council failed to maintain or clean them, leading to dilapidation. The slum's citizens therefore took the maintenance of the latrines – each of which serves over 1,000 people every day – into their own hands.

## **Nigeria**

### **[CLTS sensitisation campaign will reduce open defecation in Osun](#)**

Osun State government has said that it will sustain its zero tolerance for open defecation in rural communities through sensitisation and enlightenment campaign. The state's Programme Manager, Rural Water Environmental Sanitation Agency (RUWESA), Alhaji Posi Adiatu stated this at a Community-led Total Sanitation (CLTS) facilitators training, organised by Odo-Otin Local Government Area of the state with support from RUWESA and EU/UNICEF in Ada.

### **[Sanitation: Nigeria can be a key world economic player, if ...](#)**

Nigeria needs to proactively address sanitation issues for it to be a key world economic player, United Nations Children Education Fund (UNICEF) has said, adding that a country's sanitation level determines the survival rate of its children.

Read more in the [Nigerian Tribune, 22nd October 2013](#)

### **[Nigeria: Communities Strengthen Sanitation, Move to End Open Defecation in Jigawa](#)**

Winifred Ogbabo, who visited some communities in Jigawa state recently, writes on the efforts to end open defecation through strengthened sanitation and good hygiene practices, being championed by the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) with funding from DFID.

[Read more on AllAfrica.com 21st October 2013](#)

## **Zambia**

### **[UNICEF Zambia CLTS Newsletter August to September 2013](#)**



WASH newsletter produced by UNICEF Zambia and the Ministry of Local Government and Housing, featuring articles on the AfricaSan 4 preparatory meeting, ODF Verification in Chiefdoms, a CLTS triggering in Chongwe district and an interview with a CLTS champion.

[Download the newsletter](#)

## **Traditional leaders' involvement crucial for success and sustainability**

Namwala district commissioner Gevar Nsanzya says the success and sustainability of any community programme requires the involvement of traditional and civic leaders, who are the link to the electorate in their respective wards and villages.

## **Other news and resources**

### **End Water Poverty Infographic**



A great infographic summarising some of the issues linked to the call for World Leaders to keep their promises on clean water and sanitation.

[Download the graphic](#)

(Source: Online Masters in Public Health)

### **Handwashing Infographic**



On the occasion of Global Handwashing Day, 15th October, UNICEF has produced this infographic with important facts and figures.

Handwashing with soap at the right time - before eating or making food and after the toilet - can reduce the risk of diarrhoea, the second biggest killer of children under 5, by around 45%.

On Global Handwashing Day - and every day - the power is in your hands!

[Download the infographic](#)

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## [Now watch your hands: a Global Handwashing Day video by UNICEF](#)



Global Handwashing Day video by UNICEF

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