



Community-led Total Sanitation

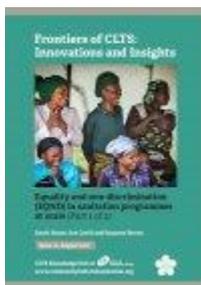


Dear friends and colleagues in CLTS and WASH,

September greetings after the conference season during which the Hub attended the 40th WEDC Conference and World Water Week in Stockholm. If you attended these conferences, did you feel inspired by a session or presentation or pick up an interesting publication? Do tell us about it. We also invite you to let us know about specific topics that you would like to see addressed in forthcoming newsletters and/or new resources, research, manuals etc that you found inspiring and supportive for your work. You can email us at clts@ids.ac.uk

Below, a few highlights of new resources we feel are worth looking at.

Hot off the press! **Frontiers 10: Equality and non-discrimination (EQND) in sanitation programmes at scale**



The CLTS Knowledge Hub is pleased to announce the publication of a new issue (number 10) in the Frontiers series: [Equality and non-discrimination \(EQND\) in sanitation programmes at scale](#).

A well-facilitated Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) programme that pro-actively considers and involves people who might be disadvantaged has been shown to have many benefits. A lack of this can and will often have negative impacts and make programmes and ODF unsustainable.

This issue of Frontiers of CLTS looks at who should be considered potentially disadvantaged, how they can effectively participate and what may be needed to address diverse needs in order to make processes and outcomes sustainable and inclusive. Using a range of examples from GSF programmes that were part of a recent study on Equality and Non-Discrimination, it explores the challenges that may occur and concludes with suggested good practices that will strengthen the processes to the benefit of all.

This is part 1 of 2 on EQND. The second part will focus on external support mechanisms.

[You can download Frontiers issue 10 here](#)

Translations (French and Portugues) will follow in due course.

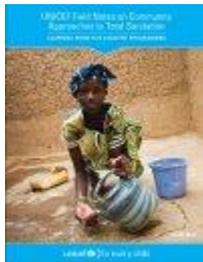
Scoping and Diagnosis of the Global Sanitation Fund's Approach to Equality and Non-Discrimination



In 2016, GSF recruited an independent team of experts to undertake an in-depth two-part diagnosis of GSF's approach to EQND. The ongoing diagnosis aims to identify gaps and areas for improvement as well as propose tools, instruments and guidelines for a deliberate and more systematic integration of EQND perspectives in GSF-supported programmes. The first part of the diagnosis – an assessment comprising of visits to six countries (Ethiopia, Malawi, Nepal, Nigeria, Senegal and Togo) and a review of documentation across all GSF-supported programmes – was completed in 2016, resulting in the newly released study. While confirming that many people who may be considered disadvantaged have benefitted positively from GSF-supported programmes, the study emphasizes that more proactive attention is needed to ensure no one is left behind. Several recommendations are offered to better integrate EQND throughout the components and stages of all GSF-supported programmes.

[Download the GSF EQND study](#)

UNICEF Field Notes on Community Approaches to Total Sanitation: Learning from five country programmes



Five country field notes examining the Haiti, Philippines, Mali, Zambia and Nepal CATS programmes were developed for this set of CATS Field Notes, to generate lessons for programming through exploring how each programme reached its current stage of development. The field notes capture CATS programmes at different stages of maturity, both in terms of total number of people that live in ODF communities and the adoption of CATS within government programmes and systems. At one side of the spectrum is Haiti, with its nascent but promising programme. In the middle of the spectrum are the Philippines and Mali programmes, with Zambia and Nepal representing more developed examples of CATS programming.

[Download the Field Notes](#)

An ongoing conversation: support versus subsidies for the most vulnerable



A strong thread in our current discussions and thinking is the question of how to ensure that sanitation and hygiene improvements reach everyone. Much experience and research has shown that the poorest and most vulnerable groups and individuals in communities are often either not reached or are the most likely to revert back to OD due to the specific challenges of their circumstances. Many of the chapters in the Hub's publication on Sustainable Sanitation for all: Experiences, Challenges and Innovations focused on how to make sanitation more inclusive. A workshop co-convened with UNICEF in the Philippines in May this year took the

questions and thinking a step further and resulted in a [Learning Brief on Supporting the least able throughout and beyond CLTS](#)

The discussions and learning were shared by the Knowledge Hub and other participants and experts during sessions at the WEDC Conference and World Water Week. You can get an idea of some of the issues and conversations via the blogs from these events, including the latest one by Hub member Stacey Townsend on the [ongoing conversation about support versus subsidies for the most vulnerable](#). After WEDC, Sue Cavill asked [All for one and one for all?](#) and Sarah House reflected on progress towards [WASH that is no longer just for the majority and those with the loudest voice](#). Andy Robinson wrote extensively about [supporting the least able in sanitation improvement](#) after attending the Philippines workshop.

And of course we would like to hear your voice in this ongoing conversation: [your experiences, your views, your learning](#).

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