Community-Led Total Sanitation

Welcome to the June 2012 CLTS Update
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This month's content:

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New CLTS films

UNICEF correspondent Guy Hubbard reports on UNICEF's CLTS programme that is improving sanitation in rural Chad. Watch Community-led sanitation saves lives in rural Chad (scroll down to the bottom of the video page)

New on the Blog

It's great to see more and more interesting contributions on the blog. We would love for more people to get involved in writing blogs and commenting with their own experiences or questions on others' contributions. Take a look and remember that this is the place to start discussions, ask questions, share your views! Why not send us your own ideas for a blog post to CLTS@ids.ac.uk.

NEW **From ridicule to respect: Young women's experience and advice on triggering in their own communities in West Bengal** *by Robert Chambers*
The Namkhana Block in 24 Parganas (South) District in West Bengal has remarkably become ODF in a short time through the combined efforts of GOAL, HCWS (a local NGO), and the Government. Young women have played a prominent part in triggering and follow up. However, young women, and also young men, face challenges when they trigger CLTS in their own communities. They are young and known and do not carry the authority of outsiders. In other continents and other countries, young women face the same difficulties and feel unable to use some of the tools. An outsider who is well-educated, confident, and arrives in a vehicle can get away with behaviour that is not feasible or acceptable for them. The problem is 'You are young, a woman and from here. What can we learn from you?'

NEW **Nurturing local skills to support CLTS roll out in Uganda** *by Carolyne Nabalema*
Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) as an approach to sanitation promotion is continually being appreciated and promoted by other non governmental actors, an evolvement that is crucial to influencing government buy-in and uptake in Uganda. Having initiated the CLTS approach in Uganda in 2007, Plan Uganda is being relied on by other stakeholders in the country to support them with the start up of CLTS programs, first through training and subsequently advisory support.

NEW **Introducing CLTS in Darfur** *by Philip Otieno*

At the end of April and beginning of May this year, I conducted CLTS training in Darfur at the invitation of DMT Tearfund UK and Oxfam America. The training took place in Kass town in South Darfur. This was the first CLTS training to take place in this part of Darfur. The training attracted the field staff of the two organizations together with their national partnering NGOs plus colleagues from the government. The purpose of the workshop was to build capacity of staff from the participating organizations to be able to undertake CLTS implementation in their areas of operation. During the workshop a total of four villages (Kulu Kulu, Tortura, Al Gamana and Tabaldia Um-Oshosh) were triggered and they all committed to stopping open defecation.

NEW **New dawn for urban CLTS in Nairobi** *by Samuel Musyoki*
Finally the urban CLTS training for the City Council of Nairobi (CCN) kicked off on Monday 14th May. We had 37 participants, the majority of whom are from different departments of the CCN: Community Development, Housing, City Planning and Education. The rest of the participants were drawn from NGOs working in the 5 wards (Embakasi, Kasarani, Kamukunji, Makadara and Starehe) where the City Council will be scaling up urban CLTS to. The key NGOs are Kenya Water and Health Organization (KWAHO), Practical Action, Community Transformers and Spatial Collective.

NEW **How can poor communities make sustainable use of locally available materials without endangering the environment?** *by Philip Otieno*
The government of Sudan and INGOs are strictly discouraging cutting down of trees for any purpose so as to enable replenishing the forest cover in Darfur. The main challenge here is that most of the time, after successful CLTS trigger, communities want to use locally available materials such as timber to construct their latrines, yet this is against government policy which clearly discourages cutting of trees. This situation seems to pose a big dilemma for NGOs who may wish to roll out CLTS in the affected regions. The biggest challenge is in the construction of the floor of the latrine where they need to use timber which is strong and durable enough. As for the superstructure they are many other alternatives available to them.

NEW **The outsider's factor in CLTS, an example from India** *by Andrès Hueso*
Last year I spent some months in India doing the field research for my PhD. It was a great and enlightening experience at all levels! Part of the research took place in Budni, a block in the state of Madhya Pradesh. There the national Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) was being implemented by a motivated officer, who had decided to use the CLTS approach progressively all over the block. At the point of time I was there (4 months after implementation started), the results were impressive: some Gram Panchayats (GP) had quickly achieved ODF status and in many more GPs people had started taking actions in order to change the sanitary situation of their GP.

NEW **Major challenges in doing CLTS in India** *by J.P. Shukla*
Learning from doing CLTS in Guna Block of Guna District in Madhya Pradesh, India
The two major challenges for CLTS in India are capacity and subsidy.

NEW **Emotional triggers: Shame, shock, disgust and dignity** *by Petra Bongartz*

CLTS strategically provokes strong emotions such as shock, disgust, embarrassment and shame and the concurrent (positive) emotions like pride, self-respect and dignity, to trigger community's collective action towards stopping open defecation. Many critics of CLTS have latched onto the 'shame' element of CLTS in particular, arguing that this is unethical and a questionable way of creating change. The way these commentators understand it, in CLTS outside facilitators 'shame' communities into taking action.

NEW **The 'shame question' in CLTS** *by Philip Otieno*

Ignition momentThere has been an interesting debate going on about the elements of shame, fear and disgust used during CLTS triggering session. The debate has been between those who believe that the element of shame as applied during a CLTS trigger is unethical as it amounts to degrading and embarrassing the community, and those who believe that the element of shame is actually positive, and that it indeed awakens the community to the realities of open defecation.

NEW **Is shame a bad thing** *by Hilda Winarta and Samuel Musyoki*

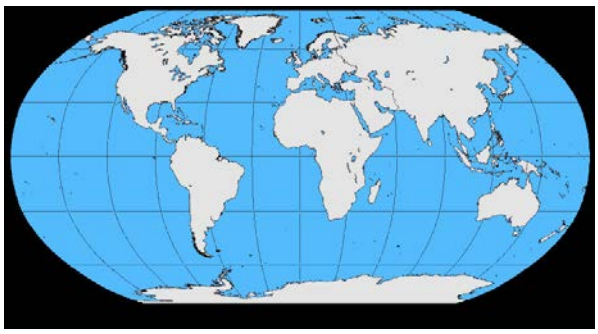
The question on whether it is ethical or right to use 'shame' as a resource for facilitating change has been an emerging critique of Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS).

NEW **Sanitation and Hygiene: Undernutrition's Blind Spot** *by Robert Chambers*

The undernutrition of babies, infants and children is horrible and a disgraceful blot on our human record. It is not just the immediate suffering, anguish and death. It is also the lasting impact: when stunted at age 2 the damage is largely irreversible. Stunted children are disadvantaged for life – their cognition and immune systems impaired, and their education and earning prospects reduced. Stunting leads to a 10 per cent decrease in lifetime earning.

New country pages

We have added some new country pages to the website- some with introductions and some that are still awaiting information.



- **Benin**
- **Burundi**
- **CAR**
- **Central African Republic**
- **Congo Brazzaville**
- **Guinea Conakry**
- **Togo**

Have a look at the country you are working in:

- **Is the introduction up to date?**
- **Could you help with adding new information?**
- **Are there materials (reports, case studies etc) that you know about that are not on the website yet?**
- **Would you like to share your experiences, reflections, questions or ideas?**

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Upcoming events

To stay up to date with events, you can check the [Forthcoming Events] listings.

26th-31st August 2012 World Water Week, Stockholm

10th-14th September 2012 East Asia San (EaSan), Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia

19th November 2012 World Toilet Day

3rd -6th December 2012 World Toilet Summit, Durban, South Africa

Other new resources on the website

Global

NEW **Menstrual hygiene: breaking the silence**

The subject of menstruation remains a taboo, especially in many low-income countries. Advice and products on menstrual hygiene are essential for the promotion of health, dignity and education. In this podcast, Dr Belen Torondel and Aurelie Jeandron, both of LSHTM, discuss how SHARE is raising awareness about this neglected topic. They also reflect on their participation at a session co-hosted by SHARE and WSSCC on menstrual hygiene at the 6th World Water Forum in Marseille in March 2012.

NEW **Sanitation and Water for All High Level Meeting webcast**

At the Sanitation and Water for All (SWA) High Level Meeting on 20th April, Ministers of Finance from developing countries, Ministers of Development Cooperation from donor countries and high-level representatives from development banks and other donor institutions came together to address the lack of priority given to sanitation and water as a development intervention, the poor targeting of aid in the sector, and the need for robust planning and institutions. The focus of the meeting was on *Economic Gains from Sanitation and Water*.

NEW **Gates Foundation launches 2nd round of reinvent the toilet challenge**

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is inviting innovators to send letters of inquiry for the second round of the *Reinvent The Toilet Challenge*
The Foundation is calling for a new set of innovative ideas to support their effort to reinvent the toilet. Grants will be awarded to exceptionally highly-qualified research groups interested in contributing to major advances in human sanitation in the developing world.

NEW **Call for infectious films: The Golden Poo Awards 2012 Short Film Competition**

PooP Creative in association with the London Short Film Festival (LSFF) is launching a competition for short films, which tackle the issue(s) of sanitation and/or hygiene in a catchy, emotive, funny, sensational or “infectious” way. The winning films will form part of the Global Handwashing Day (October 15th) and World Toilet Day (November 19th) awareness-raising campaigns. The campaigns are supported by a wide international coalition of partner

organisations, which have a global reach to publicise the importance of good hygiene practice and sanitation. The winning films will be chosen by a panel of industry experts and will be announced in Autumn 2012. They will be screened at the London Short Film Festival in January 2013.

Africa

NEW **Inadequate Sanitation Costs 18 African Countries Around US$5.5 Billion Each Year**
Eighteen African countries lose around US$5.5 billion every year due to poor sanitation, with annual economic losses between 1 percent and 2.5 percent of GDP, says a new report by the World Bank's Water and Sanitation Program (WSP). "The 18 African countries represented in this study account for 554 million people—that's more than half of Africa's population," said WSP Manager Jaehyang So. "This is powerful evidence for Ministers that their countries will not be able to grow sustainably without addressing these costs."

NEW **Africa: Economics of sanitation initiative (WSP)**
Traditionally, sanitation has not received the priority it deserves. It has not been widely recognized how good sanitation policies and practices can underpin socio-economic development and environmental protection. This study provides an estimation of economic impacts on populations without access to improved sanitation in order to provide information on the losses to society of the current sanitation situation.

Burundi

NEW**L'ATPC au Burundi**
Lisez à propos de la genèse, l'état d'avancement et les défis avec l'ATPC au Burundi

Chad

NEW **CLTS saves lives in rural Chad**
Chad has one of the lowest rates of access to safe drinking water and sanitation services in the world. The result has been recurrent outbreaks of diseases like polio, meningitis and cholera. While access to safe water and sanitation is improving in urban areas, children in rural areas are almost always at risk from these sanitation-related diseases. UNICEF and partners are now implementing CLTS in eight regions across Chad to change this. Since the project began, 202 villages have achieved 100 per cent latrine coverage and, with it, cleaner, healthier living conditions.

Djibouti

NEW **UNICEF Djibouti organize a five days hands-on training workshop on CLTS in rural areas**
In late March/early April 2012, UNICEF Djibouti, together with the Ministry of Water hosted a five days hands-on CLTS training workshop. Forty-five participants from the Djibouti government ministries (Ministry of Water, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and Secretary state in charge of National Solidarity), international and national NGO (ACF, Care International, ADIM, ADPSE and Djibouti Red Crescent Society) and community leaders from nine villages took part.

Eritrea

NEW **Achieving ODF in peri-urban settings: CLTS in Himbirti**
Himbirti is a peri-urban town located 30 km away from Asmara, the capital city of Eritrea. After CLTS was initially introduced by the Ministry of Health in April 2009 in the same way as in rural settings without much success, it became clear that a different approach was needed.

NEW **Progress with CLTS in Eritrea**
Read an overview of the achievements, challenges and future plans of CLTS in Eritrea, put together by UNICEF and the Ministry of Health.

Guinea-Bissau

NEW **More than 30 communities in Quinara region say 'no' to open defecation**

In southern Guinea Bissau, in Quinara Region, 28 communities were declared ODF in March 2012. All certified communities fully met the evaluation criteria: One latrine per family with a superstructure, equipped with soap or ash, bucket with water, mug, well fitted cover of the defecation hole and an operational sanitation committee.

Kenya

NEW **Kenya loses 27 billion Kenyan Shillings annually due to poor sanitation**

According to a World Bank report on water and sanitation, 21 million Kenyans, more than half the population ,use unsanitary or shared latrines while 5.6 million others have no latrines at all and are forced to defecate in the open. This situation is costing Kenya Sh27 billion each year.The study majority (75 percent) of these costs result from the premature deaths of 23,000 Kenyans every year from diarrhoeal disease.

NEW **Kenya: Campaign On Proper Sanitation Rolled Out**

Stake holders in the public health department yesterday stepped up efforts in a campaign to make Kenya an open defecation free zone by 2013. Various health stakeholders from civil society, health departments and international organizations came together to come up with measures to ensure that the target is achieved within the limited time.

Liberia

NEW **13 communities rated CLTS compliant in Grand Cape Mount (Liberia)**

The Ministry of Public Works and its partners have certified thirteen communities in Grand Cape Mount County for their compliance with the CLTS program.

Malawi

NEW **Community follow up workshop facilitation guide for orientation of community leaders**

Community Follow-up Workshop Facilitation Guide prepared by the consortium of InterAide and Engineers Without Borders Canada (EWB) in Phalombe District, Malawi. This is a guide that facilitators used during community follow-up workshops in Phalombe, which involved Village headmen, Natural Leaders (from various village structures) as well as the respective Health Surveillance Assistants (HSAs). It provides facilitation techniques, examples and tips for conducting a follow-up workshop for community members.

Nigeria

NEW **Osun State Governor's Wife appointed Sanitation Ambassador at CLTS Conference**

Osun State Governor Rauf Aregbesola's wife, Sherifat, has been appointed the Sanitation Ambassador at this year's Conference on Community-led Total Sanitation (CLTS), with the wives of local government executives as supporters. With the appointment, Mrs. Aregbesola's responsibilities include: advocacy and sanitation in all local governments; seeking political support for sanitation development; raising the profile on sanitation and creating roles for other ambassadors on all sanitation programmes.

NEW **Nigeria ranks 3rd globally in poor water and sanitation access**

Nigeria ranks third on the list of countries with inadequate water supply and sanitation coverage globally, Godknows Igali, Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Water Resources, has said. Igali, who was speaking at the 11th session of Development Partners Coordination Meeting, made the observation in reference to the recent global progress report by WHO and UNICEF on water and sanitation.

NEW **NEWSAN urges government to boost water and sanitation in Nigeria**

The Network for Civil Societies on Water and Sanitation (NEWSAN) has called on government at all levels to take urgent steps to boost water and sanitation conditions in the country.

Senegal

NEW **Interview with Moussa Seck, Program Coordinator for CLTS in Southern Senegal**

Interview with Moussa Seck, Program Coordinator for Community Led Total Sanitation Initiatives in Southern Senegal. In this interview, Mr. Seck highlights the sanitation challenges that exist in Senegal and why CLTS is an important initiative to combat these challenges.

Sierra Leone

NEW **School Sanitation and Hygiene Education (SSHE) project in Kenema and Pujehun districts in Sierra Leone**

Counterparts in Rehabilitation and Development in Sierra Leone (CORD-SL) with support from UNICEF is implementing a School Sanitation and Hygiene Education (SSHE) project in Kenema and Pujehun districts in the east and south of the country. It is envisaged that by the end July 2012, primary school students and teachers in 16 previously targeted schools in Western Area, Pujehun and Kenema districts will have improved their hygiene behaviors and their catchment communities achieve and sustain Open Defecation Free (ODF) status.

South Sudan

NEW **Empowering communities to become open defecation-free: CLTS in South Sudan**

CLTS is a critical component of UNICEF's work in water, sanitation and hygiene in South Sudan, where nearly 90 per cent of the population don't have access to adequate sanitation, and 64 per cent practice open defecation.

Uganda

NEW **Research on the impact of gender on CLTS processes**

Plan Uganda commissioned a study on the impact of gender on Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) to 'Investigate gender relations, how they influence the Open Defecation Free (ODF) attainment processes and its
sustainability as well as other socio-cultural factors that impact on ODF attainment and their implications to ODF sustainability.'

NEW **CLTS in Agogomit: the road from self-declaration to ODF verification**

Agogomit village is one of 11 villages in Tuba parish where Plan Uganda conducted CLTS triggering in September 2011. As a result, the community declared itself ODF in March 2012. Village Health Teams carried out pre-ODF verification in 102 households in preparation for final ODF declaration. The sub-county health assistant noted that Agogomit was one of the most difficult communities to work with during the triggering and monitoring.

NEW **Good practices in CLTS**

From birth, children deserve the rights to survive, to thrive and to grow to their full potential. Unfortunately, most children from poor families do not enjoy these rights due to their caregivers' lack of effective parenting knowledge and the inability to access adequate health and educational services. As a result, children from low income families and communities are likely to start school late, with limited language skills, health problems and socio-emotional problems that interfere with learning.

Zambia

NEW **Environmental health department blamed for preventable diseases**

The delay to recognise the Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) legal enforcement has been cited as one of the factors that has led to the slow pace to enforce the Public Health Act Cap. 295 in Zambia.

Asia and Pacific

Bangladesh

NEW **Mapping sanitation facilities in Bangladesh**

Joseph Pearce and Sue Cavill, of SHARE partner WaterAid, were in Bangladesh in April 2012 to pilot the SHARE-funded Sanitation Mapper – an online tool to map sanitation facilities. Read their blog about their experiences piloting the low cost and participatory sanitation monitoring tool.

Cambodia

NEW **Start with sanitation**

Improved health practices and sanitation are an obvious starting point for improving health in rural Cambodia, writes John Macgregor. And CLTS is grabbing villagers' attention.

India

NEW **Community sign off for ownership and credibility of ODF declarations**

One pager by Sujoy Chaudhury of Goal West Bengal, India on Community sign off for ownership and credibility of ODF declarations

NEW **Bollywood actress becomes India's sanitation brand ambassador**

Vidya Balan, who received the Best Actress National Film Award for her role in 2011 Bollywood hit 'The Dirty Picture', will now play a role to alter the real dirty picture in India. Union Minister of Rural Development Jairam Ramesh has named the Bollywood actress as the brand ambassador in his campaign for improving sanitation.

NEW **'Shit talk' initiates transformation of Sumer village**

The District Administration of Guna in Madhya Pradesh, together with UNICEF and Knowledge Links started implementing CLTS. CLTS is now being implemented in all 286 villages of the block and Sumer village is one of the success villages which achieved ODF status after only a couple of months. This is the story of their journey.

NEW **Monitoring Committee leads campaign for making Manjakui village shit free**

The Block Administration of Budni (Madhya Pradesh) aims to transform all 138 villages into ODF communities before the end of 2012. With support of UNICEF, the Block Administration built the capacity of 15 master trainers/motivators, who now lead CLTS in the Block. By the end of February 2012, 63 villages had already achieved ODF status. Manjarkui was one of the first villages to become ODF in the entire Block.

Indonesia

NEW **Toilet Training the Nation: Bringing Sanitation to Rural Indonesia**

"Welcome — You are entering Jombe village, Turatea sub-district, Jeneponto district, preparing to be a feces-free zone," reads the yellow banner above the gate to Jombe village in South Sulawesi. Visitors cannot miss the banner, which paradoxically seems to welcome them while at the same time admitting Jombe is not yet free from public feces — or "mines" as the locals call the droppings.

NEW **Lessons learned from CLTS in Pojok Village, Tawangharjo Subdistrict, Grobogan District, Central Java**

Since May 2012 Plan Indonesia has been implementing the CLTS Scaling Up project in support of the regional government's efforts on the first pillar of STBM (Community-based Total Sanitaton)- ending open defecation. Pojok is one of 120 villages that have been verified declared ODF.

Lao

NEW **Nam Saat and SNV sign an MoU to enhance water and sanitation sector in Lao PDR**

The National Centre of Environmental Health and Water Supply (Nam Saat Centre) and SNV – Netherlands Development Organisation signed a Memorandum of Understanding agreeing to cooperation aimed at providing better access to Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) for rural households in Lao PDR.

Pakistan

NEW **Sanitation Marketing: Supply and demand for improved sanitation**

Plan International, Pakistan and UNICEF have jointly launched an "Early recovery programme on Rural Sanitation in flood affected districts of Pakistan" after the devastating floods of 2010. The programme is based on CLTS.

NEW **Earning health and a healthy profit**

Short case study of Khawaja Farooq and Mohammad Ismail who, with the support of the Pakistan Rural Support Programme and Plan Pakistan have become sanitation entrepreneurs helping to move their communities up the sanitation ladder.

And for a bit of fun... Take a look at The world's remotest outhouses

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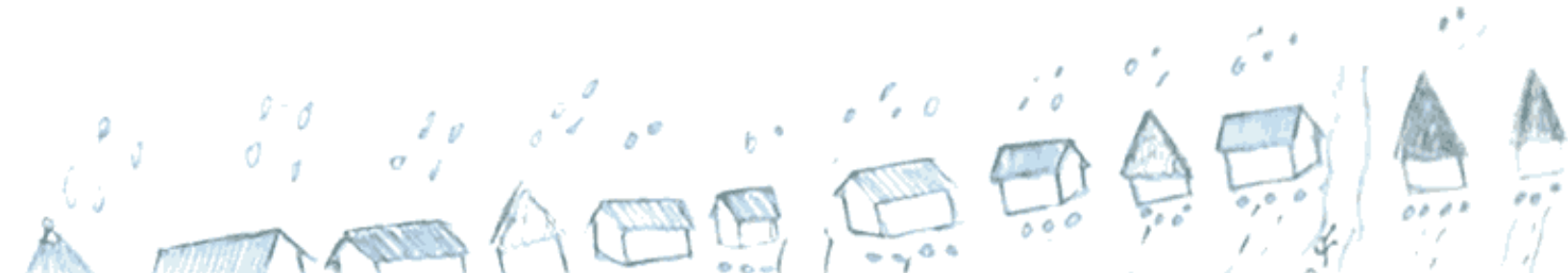
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