



## Community-led Total Sanitation



### **Dear friends and colleagues in CLTS and WASH,**

In this April newsletter we are happy to share with you a number of interesting resources and invitations – mainly with a South Asian focus – as a forerunner to the seventh South Asian Conference on Sanitation (*SACOSAN*) in Pakistan, 10–14 April 2018. We hope there is something of interest for you and look forward to hearing your news and suggestions for useful resources.

Many good wishes,

The CLTS Knowledge Hub

### **CLTS Sharing and Learning Workshop - come along!**

Date: 10th April 2018

Time: 09:00 -14:00

Venue: Serena Hotel, Islamabad, Pakistan

The CLTS Knowledge Hub, Institute of Development Studies, UNICEF and WSSCC are co-convening a CLTS Sharing and Learning Workshop as part of the [SACOSAN VII Conference](#). This free event will be an opportunity to gather with others interested and engaged in CLTS programmes and rural sanitation more broadly to share experiences, challenges and innovations from South Asia and beyond. Specific topics for discussion will include sustainability, equity and other 2nd/3rd generation challenges. The agenda – including specific topics for discussion - will be sent to registered participants in advance. Read the [one-page concept note](#) for this event.

Please register by sending your name, organisation, job title and country to Jamie Myers: [j.myers2@ids.ac.uk](mailto:j.myers2@ids.ac.uk) by April 8th.

## What has worked for Bangladesh?



In [this blog post](#) Suzanne Hanchett provides an outline of changes in the sanitation situation in nine Bangladesh unions, mostly rural areas, over a period of five or more years, drawn from a recently published report from Plan Alternatives for Change LLC, '[Sanitation success stories: nine Bangladesh case studies](#)'. This report aims to share learnings and insight into how success was achieved and sustained in different parts of Bangladesh.

## Dean Spears on what motivated 'Where India Goes?'



In this [short blog and video interview](#) Dean Spears (Executive Director, RICE/Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Texas at Austin) talks about the key motivations behind the award-winning book he co-authored with Diane Coffey, 'Where India Goes: Abandoned toilets, stunted development, and the cost of caste.'

## Side event: Mainstreaming MHM in South Asia: progress, gaps and realities from the ground



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At [SACOSAN VII](#), this year, a side event to discuss the experiences around mainstreaming of Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) in South Asia will be hosted by the MHM working group in Pakistan in collaboration with WaterAid, UNICEF and WSSCC. The session aims to facilitate a discussion on how policy measures and institutional practices can increase general awareness on MHM and help improve the health and well-being of adolescent girls in South Asia; thereby enhancing their socio-economic opportunities, achievements and overall development. [Click here for more information on this event.](#)

## Transgender-inclusive sanitation: insights from South Asia



In its April 2018 issue, the Waterlines Journal is publishing an article documenting efforts to include transgender people in sanitation programmes in South Asia. It focuses on equitable access to toilets. [Read the blog post](#) published in Medium and written by the Department for International Development (DfID) providing an overview of the article, also including an overview of DfID's work on LGBT inclusion more broadly.

## **WaterAid's reflections on the results of the WASH Benefits Trials – Kenya and Bangladesh**

This year the first of the WASH Benefits trials findings were published in the Lancet Global Health from [Bangladesh](#) and [Kenya](#). A key finding in both countries was that there appears to be no related benefit of integrating WASH with nutrition interventions on linear growth and stunting, which goes against an otherwise growing body of evidence that suggests a strong link between poor WASH and stunting. WaterAid has put together an [analysis note](#) to help colleagues understand the results and implications of these studies, and to interpret the results in light of the full body of evidence on WASH and nutrition. WaterAid has also published [a blog on their reflections](#).

## **Is Bollywood's Pad Man movie too good to be true?**

A Bollywood movie about inventor Arunachalam Muruganatham (aka [Pad Man](#)) who created a revolutionary machine that makes cheap sanitary pads hit Indian screens in February. He has won high praise for providing cheap sanitary towels for women in poor communities and for challenging taboos surrounding menstruation in socially conservative India.

[But is he too good to be true?](#) Sinu Joseph questions the quality of the pads and some facts presented in the film. Chris Bobel criticises the narrow focus on sanitary pads as the only solution in addressing menstrual hygiene management.