



Welcome to the *February 2011 CLTS Update*

Happy new year to everyone and a warm welcome to those who have recently joined the mailing list!

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Hot topics

Faecal infections, undernutrition and illbeing – an even stronger case for sanitation?!

Are infections transmitted through open defecation and poor hygiene more significant causes of sickness, debilitation and undernutrition than is commonly recognised? So far, much attention has been focused on diarrhoea. Relatively neglected have been other faecally-related infections estimated to be widespread such as *Ascaris*, hookworm, Schistosomiasis and liverfluke. These diseases are often subclinical and less visible, less measurable and measured, not episodic but continuously debilitating, and less treated. All of these infections – diarrhoeas and all the others – can be attacked and in principle eliminated by safe sanitation and hygienic behaviour.

In these notes, Robert Chambers asks whether the above implies a new or intensified research agenda, and argues that if the hypotheses put forward in these notes are true, safe sanitation and hygienic behaviour should be even higher priorities of policy and practice.

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You may also like to read [Jean Humphries article in the Lancet on Tropical Enteropathy](#) (September 2009)

Adapting CLTS to emergency settings

Recent disasters like the earthquake in Haiti, the floods in Pakistan, the tsunamis in Asia and the East Pacific have prompted many to ask questions about the possibility of adapting CLTS to emergency and post-emergency settings. In a previous newsletter, we asked about different experiences with such adaptations but did not get much of a response. However, below are some of the efforts that are taking place in this area and we hope that we can add other experiences as time goes on. Please get in touch by emailing P.Bongartz@ids.ac.uk, if you have experiences to share on this issue.

Pakistan

IRSP Mardan, in North West Frontier Province (NWFP) in Pakistan who have been engaged in CLTS for a long time, were faced with the problem of floods having destroyed many of the infrastructures in vast areas of Pakistan. In this situation, sanitation obviously emerged as a major issue. A major problem is that most donors preferred to provide emergency latrines, which, in many cases are not a sustainable solution. From IRSP's experience, having latrines inside the temporary abode means that a high percentage of people defecate in the open. The need to change people's mindsets and behaviours has not been taken into account. However, IRSP has been training many organizations working in emergencies after the flood and even early recovery phase. They are engaged in a [post-emergency CLTS intervention](#) project for early recovery based purely on CLTS and CLTS Plus with the funding support of UNICEF Pakistan. They are in the process of finalizing a manual on this which will be shared when ready.

Haiti

In the aftermath of the earthquake, UNICEF and other agencies [piloted an adaptation of CLTS to emergency settings in Haiti](#)

Indonesia

Following the tsunami that rolled through Mentawai, West Sumatra in late October 2010, SurfAid International went into emergency response mode (again) despite only being a small community development organisation not specialising in this area. By December, they had put together a 12 month recovery period program which is made up of 3 streams- Health Surveillance, Temporary Shelter and Psycho-Social Support. Having already implemented CLTS in Mentawai and Nias island region for the last 2 years, Surfaid's Health Surveillance team has moved into an extended WASH type intervention from February 2011 that is underpinned by CLTS.

Tearfund

Tearfund first began working with CLTS in July 2008 in Afghanistan, following training by IRSP, Pakistan. Today, Tearfund's main success in CLTS remains through their Disaster Management Team in mid- and northern Afghanistan, working mainly with returnee villages, or host villages with significant proportions of returned refugees or IDPs (Internally Displaced Persons). During the last two years, Tearfund has supported CLTS programmes in other countries, including DRC, Liberia, North Sudan, Pakistan, and Myanmar, partly through partner agencies and partly through their own Disaster Management Teams, but in all of these countries the overarching context is one of recovery from a complex or natural disaster. In the case of Darfur (North Sudan), the context is a long-term, or chronic, emergency. In January 2011, Tearfund, in collaboration with the Water, Engineering and Development Centre (WEDC), submitted a research proposal to USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) for funding of a project entitled: [Sustainable WASH Interventions as Populations Transition from Relief to Early Recovery in Natural Disaster / Conflict Emergency Response](#). This is not expressly about CLTS, but it will incorporate consideration of CLTS as one of a number of tools to aid sustainable transition towards early recovery.

We hope to be able to share more on these and other experiences as time goes on.

Introducing the IDS team

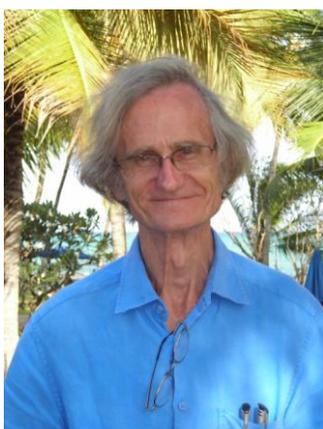
Petra Bongartz, Coordination, Communications & Networking Officer

Robert Chambers, Research Associate

Naomi Vernon, Project Support Coordinator



Petra



Robert



Naomi

This year, we are delighted to welcome Naomi Vernon to our small team. Those of you who worked with us during the three year DFID funded Research, Action Learning and Networking project in India, Bangladesh and Indonesia may recognise her. Because of her involvement in that project, she already has a good grounding in CLTS. Please do *cc* her on correspondence N.Vernon@ids.ac.uk with Petra and Robert.

Research

NEW [Survey of Recent Sanitation Achievement in Himachal Pradesh](#)

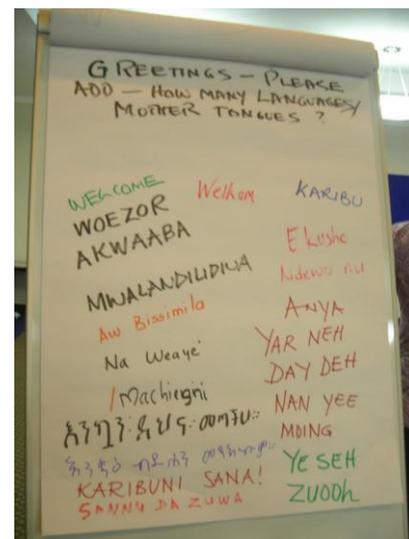
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Languages

We welcome contributions in **languages other than English**. Currently, we have materials in French, Spanish, Portuguese, Hindi, Bengali, Chichewa, Lao, Chinese, Arabic and Nepali on the site. However, we would like to see more documents in different languages! So if you have materials in local languages, please send them, along with a short description in English (if possible) of what the document is about, to P.Bongartz@ids.ac.uk



Photos and video

You can see what CLTS looks like in practice by visiting the [CLTS gallery on flickr](#). This month, we have new photos from

NEW East Pokot, Kenya,

NEW Liberia

NEW Mali and Zambia workshops

NEW Democratic Republic of Congo



If you have photos to contribute, please email

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For a more in depth view and closer experience of CLTS you can also visit our video page where there are currently 8 videos for your viewing pleasure from different countries in Africa and Asia.

Recently uploaded videos include:

NEW In Mozambique, an innovative programme overhauls sanitation practices (UNICEF)

NEW Plan Ethiopia's CLTS programme in Shebedino Woreda

NEW A community-led approach to sanitation and hygiene saves lives in Mali

NEW CLTS is transforming lives in Niger (UNICEF)

How to get more involved

The website is a **resource centre for finding and sharing information**. We aim for it to be a site 'by the people for the people' with contributions from practitioners, NGOs, governments, agencies and researchers from around the world. Therefore we encourage **you** to send us any CLTS related materials you have, for example:

Reports, case studies, news items, photos and videos, articles, informal write ups, your reflections on an issue or on your work with CLTS, presentations...

Language: Materials do **not** need to be in English. In fact, we would like to have more materials in other languages represented here!

Country pages: Every country has a page with information on the history, key players and progress of CLTS so far, as well as related resources. We are always grateful for help with creating or updating the overview pages for countries. Please get in touch (P.Bongartz@ids.ac.uk) if you would like to help with the page for the country you are working in or if you are doing CLTS in a country that is not yet represented here.

Feedback: We are very keen to hear your thoughts about the CLTS website. Do you have suggestions how it could be improved? Please email P.Bongartz@ids.ac.uk

We have added a page to the website that tells you [how you can get involved](#).

Forthcoming Events

NEW [Forthcoming events page](#)

A list of major international, regional and national events happening throughout the year.

Coming up:

[Call for papers: Some for All? Pathways and Politics in Water and Sanitation since New Delhi, 1990 \(STEPS Centre Water and Sanitation Symposium\)](#)

Papers and other forms of participation are invited for the ESRC [STEPS Centre](#) conference on 22-23 March 2011, at the [Institute of Development Studies](#), Sussex University. Deadline for submissions extended to 28th February, contact Harriet Dudley H.Dudley@ids.ac.uk

[SACOSAN IV](#) (South Asian Conference on Sanitation) will take place from the 4th to 8th April 2011 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.



And if you are in the UK in early March:

[CLTS in Kenya: rural and urban experiences](#) Samuel Musyoki (Plan Kenya)

and Tatiana Thieme (University of Cambridge) IDS will talk about the progress of CLTS in Kenya as well as about the more recent experience with urban CLTS in Mathare, Nairobi. The event will take place on the 4th March 2011 at IDS.

Other new resources and news items

UPDATED The [International Glossary of Shit](#) has been updated with more crude words and now has over 140 entries! [Send us an email](#) to add words in your own language, if they are not already on there!

AFRICA

DRC

NEW [CLTS Fire ignited in DRC](#)

The first ever triggering in DRC took place in December 2010. Organised by Tearfund and conducted by the CLTS team from Plan Kenya led by Philip Otieno, 18 people attended a CLTS training workshop and triggered 6 villages.

Ghana

NEW [Call for revolving fund for CLTS in Ghana](#)

At Ghana's first National Environmental Sanitation Conference (NESCON) in December 2010, one of the recommendations put forward was that the government should set up a revolving fund for Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) initiatives, in collaboration with Micro-Finance Institutions (MFIs) and local government.

NEW [20 million in Ghana lack improved toilets but CLTS/SLTS programme to reverse trend](#)

[Article in Modern Ghana](#), 27th January 2011 on the CLTS/SLTS work that Plan Ghana and partners are doing as part of the Pan African [Empowering self-help sanitation of rural and peri-urban communities and schools in Africa](#).

Kenya

NEW Read the latest entry on the [Urban CLTS blog](#)

NEW [Introducing CLTS in East Pokot](#)

In January, Philip Vincent Otieno of Plan Kenya, carried out a CLTS training workshop in East Pokot. The Pokot is a pastoralist's community that leads a semi-nomadic life. The training was sponsored by the Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED) and attended by ACTED staff and community representatives.

Malawi

NEW [S.H.I.T.S.](#)

Latest instalment (October to December 2010) of the monthly newsletter created by Engineers without Borders Canada staff in Malawi, describing district-level experiences and aiming to encourage horizontal communication and learning.

Mali

NEW [Guide Pratique ATPC au Mali](#)

[Ce guide pratique](#) est un document cadre évolutif qui est régulièrement actualisé, ajusté et complété en fonction suivant les innovations développées sur le terrain avec l'approche d'Assainissement Total Piloté par la Communauté (ATPC) au Mali. / [This practical guide](#) developed by UNICEF provides details of how CLTS has been adapted in Mali. It is based on lessons learnt in more than 330 communities in Koulikoro, Mopti, Sikasso, Ségou and Kayes and brings together all operational tools used in the context of Mali.

Mauritania

NEW [Mauritanie: Objectifs du millénaire pour le développement](#)

Écoutez un extrait radio sur l'ATPC en Mauritanie/Listen to a short radio clip on CLTS in Mauritania (in French)

Niger

NEW [In Niger, new sanitation programme is transforming lives through better hygiene](#)

Read about [UNICEF's CLTS pilot in ten villages in Niger](#) and watch a [short video](#) about how rural sanitation is being transformed by the approach.

Nigeria

NEW [Just building a million latrines won't solve Africa's sanitation crisis](#)

In this [article in The Guardian](#), Juanita During argues that CLTS puts people in charge of their own development and signals hope for the millions of Nigerians lacking access to good sanitation. (21st January 2011)

NEW [Nigeria loses \\$9 billion due to inadequate sanitation but CLTS is on the rise](#)

A recent World Bank study shows that Nigeria loses 20% of its GDP as a result of inadequate sanitation. However, there is hope that this will change as many communities adopt CLTS and stop open defecation.

Sierra Leone

NEW [Quarterly WASH Newsletter Sierra Leone](#)

July to December issue

NEW [The 1000th community declared ODF in Sierra Leone](#)

Sierra Leone claims CLTS success- article in [The Daily IJ, 5th February 2011](#)

NEW [Five day ODF celebrations in Port Loko district](#)

A local Non-Governmental Organization, Development Initiative Programme (DIP), in collaboration with UNICEF and the government of Sierra Leone, celebrated successful CLTS activities in Port Loko district with a five day programme!

Regional Workshops on CLTS in Zambia and Mali

For those of you who may have missed it in the last newsletter and because a few more documents have been added:

In November and early December, IDS co-convened two Regional Sharing and Learning Workshops in Africa. The events aimed to take stock of, and strengthen, CLTS practice in the Africa region. You can find out more about the [Lusaka Workshop](#) and the [Bamako Workshop](#), view photos, read reports and blogs, see who participated and look at other outputs on the website. A key output from the Zambia workshop was the [Lusaka Declaration](#) or [Declaration de Lusaka](#) Participants agreed on a series of statements and recommendations on issues key to

the success and scale up with quality of CLTS. At the Mali workshop, participants produced a key statement on what works and traps to avoid when taking CLTS to scale called [Le Consensus de Bamako pour l'ATPC](#) or [Bamako Consensus](#).

ASIA and PACIFIC

Afghanistan

NEW [USAID uses CLTS in six provinces in Afghanistan](#)

Almost 30 million people in Afghanistan, that is 92% of the population, lack proper sanitation. In order to address this dire situation, USAID, together with the Afghan government, are implementing CLTS in six of the country's provinces.

India

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NEW [Cleanliness worry for state \(Bihar\)](#)

At a daylong workshop on community sanitation in Patna, Bihar, India, organised by the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Kamal Kar talked about Community-led Total Sanitation as a strategy for addressing the dire sanitation situation in the state. [Article in The Telegraph](#), Calcutta on the 28th January 2011.

Pakistan

NEW [Kashmir Charitable Trust proposes to scale up SLTS in the earthquake affected district Muzaffarabad](#)

The [Kashmir Charitable Trust](#) plans to eradicate open defecation in around 20 sites in Muzaffarabad through School Led Total Sanitation (SLTS), combining the Child to Child (CTC) and Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) strategies. In this earthquake-affected area teachers have already received training in CTC approaches and children are more or less familiar with hygiene issues.

NEW [CLTS intervention in post emergency context in Pakistan](#)

Background and description of the adaptation of CLTS to the post-emergency context in flood-affected areas in Pakistan by Syed Shah Nasir Khisro of IRSP, Mardan.

Vietnam

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Timor Leste

NEW [Government verification team lauds community sanitation success in Timor Leste](#)

Nine communities were declared open defecation free (ODF) under [USAID's CLTS project in the remote district of Oecusse in Timor Leste](#)

General

NEW [Winners of the 'Sanitation is sexy-make it obvious' competition](#)

The winners of the [Searchfor the Obvious competition](#) that challenged people to use your creativity to raise awareness about the lack of basic sanitation in the developing world have now been selected! You can view the entries that won in the different categories as well as runner ups

Inspiration

Not on CLTS but [Something from which we can all learn?](#)

Did you know that...

- You can search the website with google by typing a keyword into the box in the top right hand corner of the page or browse materials by type or topic on the [resources page](#)
- You can follow CLTS on [twitter](#) for regular updates and news
- You can easily and quickly share materials from the website with others via social networking sites (twitter, facebook, delicious) with the *Share this* function. Just click on the relevant symbol at the bottom of each resource 
- On the [homepage](#) you can see the five newest items on the website
- You can see a global overview of CLTS on the [Where](#) pages and by zooming in on the map you can look at a continent or region or visit the pages of the country you are interested in.
- You can read previous newsletters on the website in the [archive](#)
- The [CLTS handbook](#) is available in five languages on the website and is the most downloaded document!

Many good wishes,

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