

Looking beyond ODF: Plan NL/Plan UK side event WEDC Conference 2016

Summary of notes from group discussions

Through the side event “Looking beyond ODF: planning and implementing for sustainability” Plan International shared their challenges and lessons learned from two different Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) Programmes: Mascha Singeling, senior WASH Advisor at Plan Netherlands, shared the lessons learned from the Pan Africa CLTS Programme that covered



8 African countries; Mimi Coultas, WASH Advisor at Plan International UK, presented the lessons learned from the large Payment by Results South Asia WASH Results Programme.

After the two presentations, there was an interactive discussion to share CLTS experiences from the conference audience and jointly develop a list of key factors to consider in order to improve the impact and sustainability of both new and existing CLTS approaches and activities. The following is a

summary of the points raised by participants at the session.

Important considerations identified for...

...Sustainability

- Recognising that communities can't achieve sustainability on their own – need for continued follow up and interaction post-ODF with local government agencies
- Broadening the definition of “community” (e.g. to include public authorities, local suppliers)
- Considering the political context and governance (e.g. ensuring government has post-ODF plans, has a legal framework and that by-laws are enforced)
- Capacity building (including having easily available and mainstreamed tools)
- Gradual phasing in of other approaches following CLTS (e.g. sanitation marketing, sanitation financing, livelihoods, clear sanitation ladder, simple/healthy supply chain)
- Changing social norms and behaviour, and having the right triggers for these and measuring changes in social norm.
- Having sustainable and hygienic infrastructure (and considering is this possible if water is not available?)



- Monitoring and evaluation post-ODF, including community monitoring with support from the government

...Measurability

- Developing clear, measurable indicators that align with government indicators and compare outputs against inputs
- Developing effective M&E systems and collecting quality data (qualitative and quantitative) on an ongoing basis
- Interviewing beneficiaries and rating of overall project success by beneficiaries
- Strategic planning, alignment of activities with government standards
- Securing adequate funding for M&E
- Remembering that ODF is not only about the latrines or the latrine covering and that other factors are involved
- Measuring capacity to create demand
- Continuous skill development (e.g. capacity of local government structures)

...Gender transformation

- Creating women's groups (finance committees and loans responsibility)
- Identifying natural leaders in the community
- Equal opportunities
 - training/empowering women to be involved with construction/design, marketing, and business/entrepreneurship
 - women (and men) involved in leadership and decision making (e.g. equal representation on committees)
- Talking about menstrual hygiene management
- Planning infrastructure considering the needs of women
- Changing men's attitudes; men should support women
- Mainstreaming gender, learning to include women, and changing gender stereotypes
- Considering cross cultural bridges
- Collecting gender disaggregated data
- Using CLTS as a tool for raising awareness of gender based violence



...Efficiency

- Achieving targets in a specific time frame and on budget
- Having adequate resources (human, financial, technical, material)
- Managing staff effectively

- Considering policies, standards/indicators, and the cost of actual designs
- Having sanitation models that are easy to upgrade so previous efforts aren't wasted when upgrading
- Considering livelihoods
- Remembering that all the points in sustainability have to be able to be put into practice

We hope that these notes provide some ideas for those CLTS developing programmes given the ongoing and varied discussions on how to sustain and build on achievements beyond ODF. If you have any thoughts, comments, or additional considerations you think should be included here, please let us know by adding a comment on the website below this post. Thanks!