

# Community-Led Total Sanitation



## Welcome to the **April 2012 CLTS Update**

A warm welcome to those who have recently joined the mailing list!

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### **This month's content:**

#### **Top News**

- ❖ **Spotlight on**
  - **Plan's Pan African Programme *Empowering self-help sanitation of rural and peri-urban communities and schools in Africa***
- ❖ **Your input: What quotes from the Koran, Bible and other religious scriptures are you using in CLTS triggering?**
- ❖ **New on the blog!**
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## **Spotlight on the Pan Africa Programme** [Empowering self-help sanitation of rural and peri-urban communities and schools in Africa](#)

In January 2010 Plan launched the Pan African CLTS Programme in 8 African Countries (Ghana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Malawi, Zambia, Sierra Leone and Niger). The programme is co-financed by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Plan. The general objectives of the programme are:

*to reduce infant and child morbidity and mortality and empower rural and peri-urban communities through the use of Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS), School Led Total Sanitation (SLTS) and Urban Community Led Total Sanitation (UCLTS).*

In order to improve the quality and scale of implementation of CLTS, share experiences across the region and promote the CLTS approach internationally Plan is collaborating with the CLTS knowledge hub at IDS and the IRC International Water and Sanitation Centre.

Each year an Annual Review Meeting is organised in which the WASH Advisors of all the 8th different CLTS projects, IDS, IRC and the Plan Regional Office come together to update each other on progress, share experiences and lessons learned. From the 27th

February to the 1st March, the second annual review meeting of the Pan African programme *Empowering self-help sanitation of rural and peri-urban communities and schools in Africa* took place just outside Accra, Ghana with around 30 people from the 8 programme countries as well as representatives of the partners (Plan Netherlands, Plan RESA, IDS, IRC).

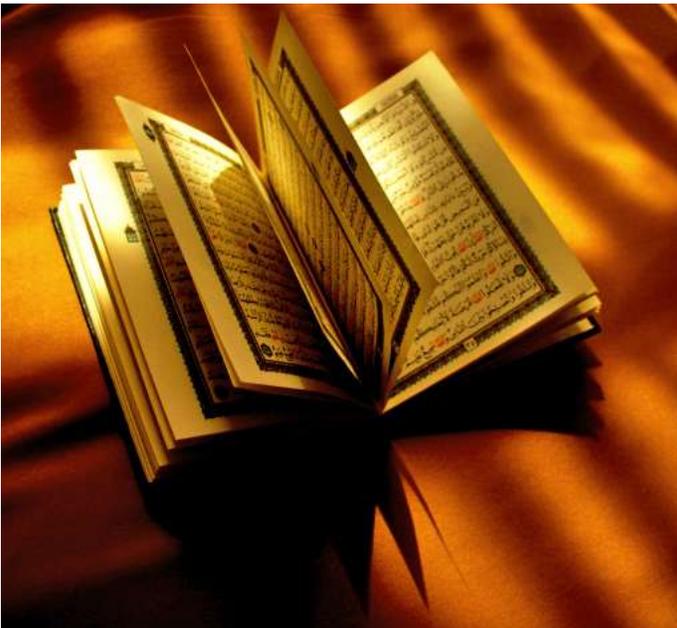


[Read the report](#) from the Ghana review meeting

See presentations, [blog posts](#), impressions from the field visits, discussion notes and [photos](#) from the meeting and field visits [here](#).

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### **[Your input](#): Using holy scriptures during triggering and the role of religious leaders in CLTS- we want your views!**



In many countries, facilitators draw on quotes from religious scriptures or make reference to passages from the Koran, the Bible or other holy scriptures that promote cleanliness and hygiene.

In **Zimbabwe**, the following Bible verse, which encourages good hygiene, is used:

*“Designate a place outside the camp where you can go to relieve yourself.*

*As part of your equipment have something to dig with, and when you relieve yourself, dig a hole and cover up your excrement...Your camp must be holy so that He [your Lord] must not see among you anything indecent and turn away from you...”*

*(Deuteronomy 23:12-14)*

In **Sierra Leone**, discussions about the role of sanitation in religion are also commonplace. Quranic quotations and ideas linked to the notion of ‘Cleanliness is next to Godliness’ are used during triggering. In his teachings, the Prophet Mohammed encouraged his followers to keep their surroundings clean and to maintain good personal hygiene:

'God loves those... who keep themselves pure' (2:222); 'God loves those who purify themselves' (9:109) and 'Cleanliness is half of Faith; it fills the scales of good actions'

**Religious leaders** can be instrumental in CLTS by encouraging the community to adopt sanitation and hygiene measures.

➤ **We would like to hear about your experiences of using quotations from holy scriptures during triggering and getting religious leaders involved in CLTS. Email us at [CLTS@ids.ac.uk](mailto:CLTS@ids.ac.uk) and share your stories!**

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## **New on the Blog**

I am delighted to see more and more contributions coming in for the blog- the last month has seen a lot of activity on the blog! Take a look and do comment and start discussions! We would love to see an even more diverse range of contributors- so why not send us your reflections to [CLTS@ids.ac.uk](mailto:CLTS@ids.ac.uk).

### **NEW Impressions from Nanded: Three variations of urban CLTS meet**



*By: Jamie Lundine*

India's population accounts for approximately 1/7th of the world's population. The Government of India has the immense challenge of governing and providing services for over 1.2 billion people. As we were touching down in Mumbai on the 14th March 2012, and the infamous smell of the city hit our noses, I was reminded of the enormity of the task of governance and service provision for 1/7th of the world.

### **NEW Learning from the communities in Nanded**

*By: Jamie Lundine*

During the Nanded workshop, we spent the first day sharing our experiences in Nairobi and learning about the work in Nanded. We then split up into groups for field visits. I saw four different areas of Nanded.

### **NEW Reflections on India's enormous sanitation challenges and some opportunities**

*By: Robert Chambers*

I was in Delhi recently. It was great meeting people. There was much debate and discussion going on about sanitation and hygiene. These are much higher up the public

agenda than before. And the new Minister, Jairam Ramesh, was spoken of highly by everyone. If anyone can make a difference through political leadership, perhaps he can.

### **NEW Champions, capacity and continuity: Reflections from the urban CLTS workshop in Nanded**

*By: Robert Chambers*

The workshop on urban CLTS in Nanded, Maharashtra, was an occasion with much to learn. It was the first time when [urban CLTS experiences](#) had been brought together – from [Mathare in Nairobi](#), [Kalyani in West Bengal](#), and [Nanded](#) itself, with its population of a little over half a million. The only other major urban experience of CLTS I know of is [Rosso in Mauritania](#), though I hope my saying this will *provoke others into giving other examples*, so that soon we will have a wider range of experiences to learn from.

### **NEW Can urban CLTS work?**

*By: Samuel Musyoki, Petra Bongartz*

This week, on the [SuSanA blog](#), Lukas Ulrich put forward the argument that CLTS cannot work and should not be used in an urban environment. Samuel Musyoki responds.

### **NEW 800 words for shit: CLTS in Papua New Guinea**

*By: Stuart Jordan*

There are approximately 800 languages in PNG! That's close to 800 versions of the word 'shit', and during past workshops when facilitators are asked to mention the word that means 'shit' in their own language, there's actually quite a competitiveness to see who has the most extravagant translation.



### **NEW Is the non-subsidy approach feasible in South Sudan?**

*By: Philip Otieno*

South Sudan is a country that has suffered the effects of a devastating civil war that lasted about 25 years. It is just in the last 6 years that the country has enjoyed relative peace. But even then, there are still sporadic and intermittent episodes of inter ethnic and political rivalry that many times results in loss of life and property. The prolonged civil war immensely contributed to the stifling of development in the country.

### **NEW Making Kenya ODF**

*By: Samuel Musyoki*

How sad I had to miss the Pan Africa Sharing and Learning Workshop (see [other blogs](#) to find out more about what went on there) and the ODF sustainability research methodology in Accra Ghana. Good to read all about it and to hear from Philip (my colleague) that it was great there. It is amazing that Africa and Kenya have become a beehive of CLTS activities all with the focus of getting rid of open defecation practice which takes lives of many children every year.

## **NEW [Action learning demystified](#)**

*By: Philip Otiemo*

From the 27th February to the 1st March, I was attending the [Pan Africa](#) CLTS workshop in Accra Ghana. The workshop was sponsored by Plan Netherlands and was facilitated by Prof. Robert Chambers and Petra Bongartz of IDS. 8 countries namely, Ghana, Niger, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Malawi and Zambia participated in the workshop.



## **NEW [An opportunity to make a difference: Plan's role in scaling up CLTS in Africa](#)**

*By: Robert Chambers*

Let me share something that struck me strongly during the annual review workshop of the [Pan African programme Empowering self-help sanitation of rural and peri-urban communities and schools in Africa](#) which took place in Accra between the 27th February and 1st March 2012.

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## **[New one pagers](#)**

One pagers are short write-ups by practitioners of innovations, experiences and ways in which particular challenges have been overcome. Learn more about one pagers and how to write one about your own work, experience or lessons learned [here](#)

**NEW** One pager by Robert Chambers and Petra Bongartz on [Action learning for CLTS](#) Action learning can be a useful tool- it's about trying to learn from our actions and experiences, and from the actions and experiences of others. It involves reflecting on and writing about what we are doing and learning, about questions, challenges and ideas thrown up both by our experiences.



## **NEW [Local solutions for dealing with termites](#)**

One pager put together by participants of the Pan Africa programme at the annual review meeting 2012 in Ghana on local solutions for dealing with termites, including this plant (see photo) used in Kenya.

Would you like to share your experiences, reflections, questions or ideas on the blog? Get in touch with us at [CLTS@ids.ac.uk](mailto:CLTS@ids.ac.uk) to discuss your ideas. Or take a look at existing blog posts and share your views and suggestions by clicking on *add a comment*.

## Other new resources on the website

### Global

#### **[NEW Malnutrition and health: The sh\\*t factor](#)**

Malnutrition is not only a direct and indirect cause of infant mortality; it also causes stunting and has life-long influences on learning and IQ which will impair future earning capacity.

#### **[NEW 2012 JMP Update Report out now](#)**

The 2012 update of the Joint Monitoring Programme's Progress on Drinking Water and Sanitation Report has been published. With regards to sanitation, the bad news is that although 1.8 billion people have gained access to improved sanitation since 1990, the world is likely to miss the MDG sanitation target. In 2010 2.5 billion people were still without access to improved sanitation.



#### **[NEW World Water Day 2012: Resources from the IDS STEPS Centre](#)**

To mark World Water Day today, the [STEPS Centre](#) has gathered together a range of exciting and thought-provoking new resources.

#### **[NEW Hopes for Rio+20: Kamal Kar at Marseille World Water Council](#)**

Kamal Kar speaks on the question 'What one sustainable development issue would you like to see addressed at Rio+20?' at the 6th World Water Council which took place in Marseille between the 12th and 17th March 2012.

#### **[NEW CLTS features on Radio 4 programme about disgust](#)**

Dr Valerie Curtis, of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and Therese Mahon, of WaterAid, talked about deadly diarrhoeal diseases and described how disgust is vital for survival during a discussion on BBC Radio 4's Woman's Hour on Tuesday 28th February.

#### **[NEW The poorest have the most to gain from sanitation improvements in developing countries](#)**

New SHARE research shows the poorest are suffering the most from inadequate sanitation as they are more exposed to human waste and are more susceptible to disease. The findings from the study of 10 low-income countries in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia have far-reaching implications for the better targeting of future sanitation investments.

#### **[NEW Why not Basics for All? Scopes and Challenges of Community-led Total Sanitation](#)**

Chapter by Kamal Kar in the [IDS Bulletin Volume 43, March 2012 Special Issue: 'Some for All?' Politics and Pathways in Water and Sanitation](#)

## Africa

### Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

#### **NEW** [Shit in Emergencies: Impact of CLTS in DR Congo](#)

Sanitation and public health are challenging issues in the Democratic Republic of Congo. While peace was officially declared in 2002 in DRC, conflict between various armed groups and atrocities against civilians continues. The effects of the conflict can still be felt as few people have access to basic services, particularly water and sanitation, which poses serious health threats such as the spread of water-borne and sanitation related diseases.

### Ethiopia

#### **NEW** [Improving movement up the sanitation ladder through Natural Leaders Associations](#)

In order to address issues of sustainability Plan International Ethiopia SNNP PU has been supporting the setting up Natural Leaders Associations. These associations, which are registered as legal bodies, further work on improving the movement up the sanitation ladder in ODF kebeles.



### Ghana

#### **NEW** [Poor sanitation is costing Ghana 290 million each year](#)

A survey by the Environmental Health and Sanitation Directorate (EHSD) under the country's Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development (MLGRD) revealed open defecation costs Ghana \$79 million per year. Another \$215 million is lost each year due to premature deaths caused by poor water reticulation, lack of sanitation and hygiene. The total amounts to 1.6% of Ghana's GDP.

#### **NEW** [Twenty thousand households still use pan latrines](#)

During a workshop to kick-off the implementation of the Testing Modified CLTS scalability project in Accra, Mr Kweku Quansah of the Environmental Environmental Health and Sanitation Directorate (EHSD) of the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development said over 20 million people representing about 87 per cent of Ghanaians did not have improved household sanitation.



#### **NEW**

#### [Communities in Yendi Municipality commended for ensuring open defecation free](#)

During a five-day training CLTS workshop for 10 communities in the Yendi Municipality of Northern Region, the Northern Regional Environmental Health Officer Mr. Steve

Adongo commended communities in the Yendi Municipality of Northern Region for embracing the efforts towards ODF. In Ghana's northern region, 52 communities are ODF, out of these 12 are in Yendi Municipality.

## **Kenya**

### **[NEW Sanitation Stakeholders' Consultative meeting held in Nairobi](#)**

On the 8th March 2012, the Ministry of Public Health and Sanitation (MoPHS), Kenya, with support from partners, including UNICEF, SNV and Plan, organized a half -day sanitation stakeholders' consultative meeting in Nairobi.

### **[NEW Shared sanitation, hygiene information and tales \(S.S.H.I.T\)- Kenya's monthly CLTS newsletter Issue 4](#)**

Latest issue of the CLTS newsletter produced by the Ministry of Public Health and Sanitation with news and articles relating to CLTS in Kenya.

### **[NEW Sustaining ODF- a case study from Nyando](#)**

Nyando district in Nyanza province is one of the districts selected as a pilot area for CLTS implementation in Kenya. Whilst the area previously suffered frequent deadly cholera outbreaks, CLTS has now brought positive changes for the health of the communities in Nyando. However, like elsewhere, sustainability of ODF can be put to the test by challenges such as heavy rains and flooding.

### **[NEW Tabitha Atai- empowered by urban CLTS in Mathare](#)**

Read how Tabitha Atai, a mother of four and former housewife in Mathare 10 became a passionate community health worker and urban CLTS facilitator.



### **[NEW Students spread the message of urban CLTS in Mathare 10](#)**

Read how urban CLTS triggering sessions have turned these students into eager advocates of sanitation and hygiene in their homes and communities.

### **[NEW George Opondo - a case study on urban CLTS from Mathare](#)**

Meet one of the champions of urban CLTS in Nairobi.

## **Malawi**

### **[NEW SHITS Issue 12](#)**

Latest issue of the popular CLTS newsletter from Malawi. This issue includes articles on sanitation M&E, using community members for village monitoring, productive school sanitation and using CLTS techniques for triggering behaviour changes related to water.

## **Sierra Leone**

### **[NEW Launch of WASH Net Sierra Leone and WASH Manifesto Campaign](#)**

On the 15th February 2012, in partnership with WaterAid Liberia and Sierra Leone, the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Network of Sierra Leone officially launched its existence together with the WASH Manifesto Campaign.

## Uganda

### **NEW [CLTS profiled during National Sanitation Week in Uganda](#)**

*Open Defecation is a shame, use a latrine!* was the theme for the annual sanitation week which was observed in Uganda between 15th -22nd March 2012.

### **NEW [Why we need to double our efforts in solving the problem of open defecation](#)**

Recently some members of staff suggested that we close one toilet in the SNV Uganda head office and have all the 17 staff use one toilet in commemoration of the sanitation week that ended on March 21...

## Asia and Pacific

## Bangladesh

### **NEW [WSP Technical Paper on Long Term Sustainability of Improved Sanitation in Rural Bangladesh](#)**

Research conducted in rural Bangladesh in Union Parishads that were declared 100% open defecation free almost five years ago shows that 90% of households in the areas studied have sustained use of a latrine that adequately confines feces. This Report from WSP discusses factors associated with this outcome.

### **NEW [Total sanitation achieved in six char villages in Rangpur](#)**

The people of six remote and hard to reach char villages on the Teesta riverbed in Gangachara upazila have achieved total sanitation with the assistances of the ongoing Char Livelihood Programme (CLP).

## India

### **NEW [The Nanded sanitation story](#)**



CLTS in cities is relatively new in the Indian context. Prior to Nanded there were only two reported cases of use of CLTS in an urban setting in India- [Kalyani near Kolkata](#) and [Raigad in Maharashtra](#). But the Nanded experience is wider than both the earlier initiatives, as this is the first time in India that CLTS has been used on a city wide scale to cover all aspects of sanitation including: open defecation; solid waste management; drainage; water security etc.

### **NEW [60% of world's open defecators in India](#)**

Though there has been a considerable improvement in sanitary conditions in India since 1990, the number of people defecating in open (626 million) is still enough to fill one-and-a-half football stadia every day. At the current rate of improvement, the MDG goal for sanitation will be missed.

**NEW [The Trigger: A film on CLTS training in India](#)**

Film following a CLTS training carried out by Feedback Infrastructure in Rajasthan, India.

**NEW [Curb open defecation, UNICEF tells India](#)**

According to the latest [JMP report](#), India ranks first among the 12 countries which practise open defecation.

**NEW [Sanitation: India can't meet target before 2054](#)**

The WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for water supply and sanitation has said that at its present pace, India would take time till 2054 to meet its MDG 2015 on sanitation.



**NEW [Sanitation drive: A policy mismatch](#)**

Twelve years into the Government of India's Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), a review by the Accountability Initiative, [Centre for Policy Research](#) in Delhi, using government data from the TSC website, shows no correlation between the amount of funds being spent in a state and improvement there.

**NEW [No toilets for 53% of population of world's third biggest economy](#)**

In India, virtually every second person is defecating in the open, every third person is drinking unsafe water and at least 1,000 children are dying every day due to a preventable disease like diarrhoea according to India's latest census report.

**NEW [India's Minister for Sanitation Promises End to Open Defecation in a Decade](#)**

India's Minister for Sanitation, Jairam Ramesh has announced the goal to make India an open defecation free nation in ten years.

**Indonesia**

**NEW [Factors Associated with Achieving and Sustaining Open Defecation Free Communities: Learning from East Java](#)**

Research report from a study conducted in 2010 in East Java which showed that communities achieving ODF status within two months of triggering achieved markedly higher access gains.

**Lao**

**NEW [Community-led action in rural Lao](#)**

A new Plan-supported project in rural Laos is mobilising communities to take responsibility for their sanitation and bring an end to open defecation.

**Papua New Guinea**

**NEW [Could Papua New Guinea meet its MDG for Rural Sanitation? Findings on a new approach to a neglected question](#)**

This Learning Note describes the application and results of CLTS, mostly by the European Union's Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Program (RWSSP) in Papua New Guinea. The lessons learned are drawn from selected field locations and therefore are not a comprehensive analysis of CLTS in Papua New Guinea

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**Many good wishes,**

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