



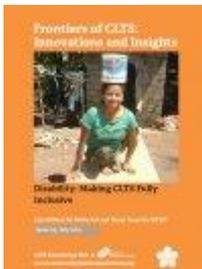
Community-led Total Sanitation



Welcome to the October edition of the CLTS newsletter

We are pleased to share with you the latest edition of the CLTS newsletter, with new resources that have appeared on the website over the last few months. Thank you to all those who contributed items for the website- this is what makes it such a rich diverse resource. So please continue to be in touch with your experiences, ideas and innovations, so that they can be shared with the global community of CLTS practitioners and those interested in this area of work.

Making CLTS fully inclusive: new Frontiers, translations and a webinar



We recently published issue 3 of our *Frontiers of CLTS: Innovations and Insights* series. Its focus is [Disability: Making CLTS fully inclusive](#).

CLTS aims at total sanitation. For that it has to be inclusive. There are ethical reasons for this, but the bottom line is that while any open defecation continues, all are affected. This issue of Frontiers of CLTS focuses on people with disabilities and particular needs for access to sanitation. People affected tend not to be present at triggering, to lack voice in the community, to have their needs overlooked, and may even be hidden by their families. This issue outlines the reality of the experiences of disabled people, the varied nature of their needs and how they can be met. It includes practical recommendations for people engaged in CLTS to make the different phases and processes of CLTS more inclusive.

Like all issues of Frontiers, number 3 is available in [English](#), [French](#) and [Portuguese](#).

Webinar

Based on this issue of Frontiers, we will be hosting a **webinar on Thursday 30th October from 10 to 11.30 (GMT)** (convert this to your local time [here](#)). You can [find out more about the webinar here](#)

[Sign up for the webinar by email](#) and you will receive the instructions on how to join this event live.

Picturing CLTS- Photo Competition



‘A picture speaks a thousand words’: we are looking for photographs that can help us communicate CLTS and related areas visually.

We are looking for photos that meet one or several of the following criteria:

- They depict the CLTS approach
- They show different types of CLTS activities
- They tell a story about what has happened as a result of/ in connection with CLTS
- They illustrate related aspects of sanitation and hygiene activities, eg menstrual hygiene management, handwashing, etc

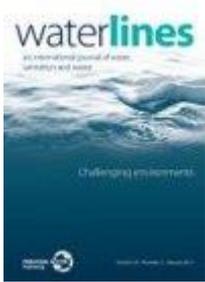
- They speak to one of the key issues and themes in CLTS, for example: sustainability, monitoring, verification, post-triggering follow up, Natural Leaders, SLTS, urban CLTS, equity and inclusion, etc

The winning entries will be published in a special feature on the CLTS website. Both winning and non-winning photos will be used on our website and in other published materials with full credit to the photographer, so by submitting an image you are giving us permission to use the photo in this way.

Deadline for submission of entries: 19th November 2014

[Find out more about this competition, how to enter the competition and what the prizes are.](#)

Call for contributions to Waterlines journal: CLTS and sanitation marketing



[Waterlines](#), a journal published by Practical Action is looking for contributions to a forthcoming issue on CLTS and sanitation marketing.

"It is now many years since the majority of sanitation programmes routinely gave away latrine slabs and constructed 'demonstration latrines' for households. Today the vast majority of sanitation programmes use approaches based on either community-led total sanitation (CLTS), sanitation marketing (SM), or a blend of the two. Households are expected to make their own investments in the physical facilities which they need, and the motto is 'no subsidy'. We seek papers for a theme issue of Waterlines, reflecting on the successes and limitations of these approaches, reporting on innovations and non-conventional trials, setting out good practices and pointing the way ahead in this important area."

The planned publication date for this issue of Waterlines is July 2015. [Please contact Waterlines' Deputy Editor, Sue Cavill for more information or to discuss a proposed submission.](#)

New on the blog

Action Learning: Swachh Bharat Abhiyan's missing master key



The number and nature of the many forces that intertwine to trap rural Indians in filth and infections are still not fully recognised. Widespread preference for open defecation (OD), subsidised toilets, corruption, caste and divided communities, concepts of purity, population increase and density, faecally-transmitted infections (FTIs) causing undernutrition ('shit stunts'), diminishing cognitive ability and damaging immune systems, and the multiple physical and social harms inflicted on women and girls – these are among the forces that interlock as a syndrome - a net, a trap, a prison - escape from which is fiendishly difficult. [Read more](#)

Can India's women lead the way to a Swachh Bharat (Clean India)?



I have just had two remarkable weeks in India with the National Rural Livelihoods Mission. This is a national movement of, so far, 2.4 million women's self-help groups (SHGs). Each has about 10 members. Then there are Village Organisations of SHGs and Federations above them. I was there to help explore whether these SHGs and their organisations could take a lead in the drive for rural sanitation. This involved field visits in Telangana (formerly part of Andhra Pradesh) and Bihar, and three brainstorming workshops, the last one at national level in Delhi, convened by the World Bank which

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Disability and sanitation: Making WASH fully inclusive



He is married with two children and works hard to support his family, but Martial Ramartin has spent three decades fighting the stigma of his partial paralysis, left from a bout of measles when he was just four.

As a child, his parents treated him the same as his siblings, encouraging him to learn to walk again despite his paralysed left leg, and requiring him to help with the daily rhythm of life in rural Madagascar – lighting the morning fire, pounding rice to prepare it for meals, and fetching water from an open pond at the foot of the village.

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Modi's Clean India Campaign: Don't Waste the Opportunity



Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister (PM) of India, launched a Swachh Bharat (Clean India) campaign on October 2, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Senior government officials, politicians and Bollywood actors were seen holding brooms in their hands cleaning neighbourhoods and getting photographed. The twitterati was abuzz with excitement. The campaign was filled with images and messages. The PM aims to have a Clean India by the time of Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary in 2019. The campaign is timely but will it be effective.

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Reporting back from the 37th WEDC Conference in Hanoi- Day 1



It's my 5th WEDC conference! This year the conference is in Hanoi, Vietnam co-hosted with the National University of Civil Engineering. WEDC Conference is a key international meeting attended by WASH policy and programme staff, academics, activists and experts. The papers will be available on-line shortly (www.wedc-knowledge.lboro.ac.uk) but in anticipation, here are some thoughts from the conference about the research and practice presented.

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Reporting back from the 37th WEDC Conference in Hanoi- Day 2



Reporting back and reflecting on day 2 of the WEDC Conference [Read more](#)

Reporting back from the 37th WEDC Conference in Hanoi- Day 3



Blog on Day 3 of the WEDC Conference in Hanoi [Read more](#)

Reporting back from the 37th WEDC Conference in Hanoi- Day 4 and 5

Report back from Day 4 and 5 of the WEDC Conference in Hanoi. [Read more](#)

Will Narendra Modi free India from open defecation?



“Has it ever pained us that our mothers and sisters have to defecate in the open?” With these words, the new Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi last week pushed sanitation up the hierarchy of national concerns. Using the [solemn speech](#) in the annual commemoration of the Independence Day, Modi announced a new campaign to eliminate open defecation – the practice of people relieving themselves in the open – by 150th anniversary of Gandhi’s birth in 2019.

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News and resources by country

Haiti

New Sanitation Campaign Aims to End Cholera in Haiti

UNICEF and the Haitian government have intensified the fight against cholera, with the launch this week of the National Sanitation Campaign, aiming to eliminate open defecation in the country. The National Sanitation Campaign will target 55 communities in the 10 departments, covering 3.8 million people, 2,500 schools and 500 health centres. The "Community-Led Total Sanitation" (CLTS) approach encourages behaviour change and leadership at community level. It has already been used successfully in three departments.

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India

India’s sanitation campaigns have cost 40 times Mars mission budget



Since 1986, India has spent over \$3 billion on constructing toilets across the country, figures from the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation show. Since 1986, India has spent over \$3 billion on constructing toilets across the country, figures from the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation show. Despite such massive investments, India’s sanitation campaigns over the years have unfortunately yielded limited results. India continues to have the largest number of people who defecate in the open. [Read more](#)

A look at the plans for the “new” Swachh Bharat Mission



While it is commendable that the government has set high ambitions for making India free of the practice of open defecation, it is worth exploring the way in which they are planning on reaching this goal. [Read more](#)

To end open defecation, make Indians want to



Over half of all Indians defecate in the open, and in rural areas, this figure is about 70 per cent. In contrast, less than 1 per cent of people in China, 4 per cent of people in Bangladesh, and about a quarter of people in Sub-Saharan Africa defecate in the open. Why is there so much more open defecation in India? Considering that open defecation in rural India causes death, disease, malnutrition and the loss of economic productivity, understanding why it is so common is an important priority. [Read more](#)

Swachh Bharat will fail unless the Modi government totally redesigns UPA's sanitation programme

On October 2, amidst all the brooms and sweeping, little attention was given to a big challenge — India leads the world in open defecation (OD) with about 600 million people defecating in the open every day. [Read more](#)

Not just toilets



The Indian Prime Minister has given a call for 'Swachh Bharat' (Clean India) as a mass movement to realise Mahatma Gandhi's dream of a clean India. He deviated from convention and made sanitation a central theme of his Independence Day speech, making it a political priority, and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, launched today, aims to make the country open defecation-free by 2019. India is become the world's largest open defecator, and of the 1 billion people worldwide who have no toilets, India accounts for 600 million.

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Swachh Bharat Mission: The Long Walk from Rhetoric to Implementation

The renewed rhetoric on sanitation is welcome, but the devil will be in the details - we must learn from past experience and global & Indian best practice, not repeat the same mistakes, argues Varad Pande. [Read more](#)

Public pledging for collective behaviour change

CLTS triggering can be powerful but is rarely attended by all members of a community. This weakens its impact and sustainability. On later visits it is quite common to find that people do not recollect triggering. An innovation in 7 GPs of Namkhana Block of the Sundarbans in West Bengal has found that public pledging is a way of overcoming these problems, reinforcing triggering and involving all adults in the community. [Read more](#)

Kenya

County commitments made at Kenya's First National Sanitation Conference

At the National Sanitation Conference that took place in El Doret in April 2014, Kenya's counties committed to activities and goals for making their county and Kenya ODF.

[Download the overview of the commitments that different counties made](#)

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Annual Report 2012-2013 from Kenya's Ministry of Health's Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Unit

Annual report from Kenya's Ministry of Health, Division of Environmental Health and Sanitation, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Unit with highlights of the events in the sector, successes and challenges faced.

[Download the report](#)

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Access case study: UCLTS in Mathare 10, Nairobi



Comprehensive case study of the urban CLTS project in Mathare 10, Nairobi, Kenya.

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Madagascar

The root of good health: video- a new tool for improving sanitation

This video documents a Participatory Video (PV) workshop facilitated by Azafady in a remote community called Beandry in South East Madagascar.

Azafady has been using Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) in Beandry since 2011. Over time many of the latrines fell into disrepair and by mid 2013 it was estimated that latrine use had fallen by 50%. Azafady decided that Participatory Video could be used as a unique tool for re-engaging the whole community and to try and re-motivate people to use their latrines again.

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Cleanliness is the root of good health

This video was made by 6 community leaders from a remote village called Beandry in Anosy, SE Madagascar. They made this film to try and encourage everyone in the community to return to using latrines in the hope of improving health and sanitation in their respective hamlets.

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Uganda

Unclogging Uganda's rural sanitation crisis



Waterborne diseases are rampant in this East African country riven by corruption, but local approaches may offer one solution. [Read more](#)

Vietnam

Assessment report on the application of Community-led Total Sanitation (CLTS) for Mong community in Dien Bien Province, Vietnam



Research report from a study undertaken in three communes in Dien Bien Province where Mong people live. CLTS has been implemented in these communities since July 2009, including Sa Long commune (Muong Cha district), Xa Dung commune (East Dien Bien district), Na Tau commune (Dien Bien district). The research on the application of CLTS for Mong community in Dien Bien province aimed to

1. assess the results of CLTS implementation with a focus on knowledge, attitude and practice of Mong people at 3 communes where CLTS was applied,

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Zambia

Three million sanitation target by 2015: Is Zambia on course?

The UNICEF and World Health Organisation Joint Monitoring - Programme 2012 report estimates 5 million Zambians live without access to safe water and 6.7 million lack access to improved sanitation (of which around 2.3 million practice open defecation). It is for this reason that Government working with various cooperating partners has embarked on innovative strategies such as the Three Million People Sanitation Programme among others to address this sad state of affairs.

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Other news and resources

3rd Annual Virtual Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) in WASH in Schools (WinS) Conference

Hosted by Columbia University and UNICEF on October 29, 2014, the 3rd Annual Virtual MHM Conference will provide an opportunity to share lessons learned with the WinS community around the world, with a particular focus on MHM programming in WinS in various contexts. [Read more](#)

The road to 2015: CLTS experiences and challenges



Blog post by Kamal Kar, written after his recent visit to IDS.

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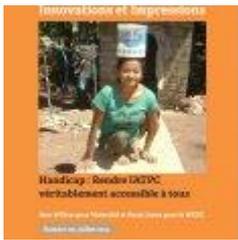
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What do toilets have to do with nutrition? More than you might think

Approximately 160 million children under the age of 5 are stunted. This means they are failing to grow well and lack of height can be a marker of a whole range of developmental setbacks including cognitive impairment. The 2013 Lancet series on maternal and child nutrition confirmed that to reduce stunting we need three things: an enabling environment for political commitment; a scaled-up series of cost-effective nutrition interventions and robust underlying drivers (food security, empowered women and a supportive health environment).

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Aux Frontières de l'ATPC numéro 3: Handicap- Rendre l'ATPC véritablement accessible à tous



Ce numéro d'Aux Frontières de l'ATPC se concentre sur les personnes handicapées et celles qui ont des besoins particuliers en termes d'accès à l'assainissement. Bien souvent, les personnes touchées n'assistent pas au déclenchement, ne se font pas entendre dans la communauté, semblent avoir des besoins que l'on néglige, et peuvent même être cachées par leurs familles. Ce numéro décrit la réalité des expériences des gens souffrant de handicap, la nature variée de leurs besoins et comment ils peuvent les satisfaire. Il comprend des recommandations pratiques à l'intention des personnes concernées par l'ATPC afin de rendre les différentes phases et processus de l'ATPC plus accessibles à tous. [Read more](#)

Estudo de sustentabilidade ODF (Plan)



Entre Março de 2012 e Outubro de 2013, Plan International realizou um estudo sobre a sustentabilidade da condição ODF em seus programas na África. Este estudo, efectuado em nome do Plano por FH Designs, realizado na Etiópia, Quênia, Serra Leoa e Uganda.

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Étude sur la durabilité du statut FDAL (Plan)

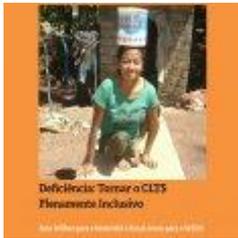


Entre Mars 2012 et Octobre 2013, Plan International a mené des recherches sur la durabilité ODF dans leurs programmes en Afrique. Cette étude, réalisée pour le compte de régime par FH Designs, a été menée en Ethiopie, au Kenya, en Sierra Leone et en Ouganda.

L'étude a examiné les résultats des programmes ATPC exploités par Plan dans les quatre pays. Les données ont été recueillies en 4960 ménages dans 116 villages où l'ATPC a été déclenché et les communautés déclaré ODF deux ans ou plus avant l'étude a commencé. L'étude visait à répondre à trois questions:

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Fronteiras do CLTS edição 3: Deficiência-Tornar o CLTS Plenamente Inclusivo



Este número do Fronteiras do CLTS centra-se em pessoas com deficiência e necessidades especiais no acesso a saneamento básico. As pessoas afectadas tendem a não estar presentes na sessão de despertar, a não ter voz na comunidade, a ver negligenciadas as suas necessidades e podem até ser escondidas pelas famílias. Este número apresenta a realidade das experiências das pessoas com deficiência, a natureza diversa das suas necessidades e como estas podem ser satisfeitas. Inclui recomendações práticas para as pessoas que trabalham com CLTS de como tornar mais inclusivas as várias fases e processos de CLTS. [Read more](#)

Frontiers of CLTS Issue 3: Disability- making CLTS fully inclusive



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Report from the CLTS Sharing and Learning Workshop in Hanoi



On the 14th September 2014, the CLTS Knowledge Hub, Plan International and WaterAid convened a 'CLTS Sharing and Learning Workshop' in Hanoi, Vietnam, ahead of the WEDC Conference. The event brought together some 60 CLTS practitioners from NGOs, international agencies, governments and research institutions from 17 countries, in which CLTS is being implemented, plus participants from the UK, Australia and the USA.

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What Influences Open Defecation and Latrine Ownership in Rural Households?: Findings from a Global Review



The purpose of the review was to identify commonalities and differences across countries, and to determine factors that affect sanitation behaviors, positively or negatively. Three specific sanitation behaviors are covered in the review: open defecation, acquisition of toilets, and improvement of latrines. [Read more](#)

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