

CLTS Newsletter April 2017

Dear friends and colleagues in CLTS and WASH,

a short April update from us here at the Hub. We have been busy on many different fronts. Jamie and Robert have spent most of the month in India and news and insights from their time there will find its way onto the blog soon. We are also preparing three new issues in our Frontiers series- two are already in the pipeline: one on sanitation marketing and one on equity and inclusion. The third is still in the research phase and will look at systems and processes for incorporating learning into projects in order to strengthen programming. If you have examples of this kind of systematic learning for change, we would love to hear from you. Below you will find some other news we thought you might find interesting.

Please continue to share your own resources, insights and questions with us via email clts@ids.ac.uk

CLTS Photo Competition



CLTS has proven to be a powerful approach to trigger communities into becoming open defecation free (ODF) in many countries across the world. However, sustainability studies are beginning to show that ODF status is often fragile and those most likely to revert back to open defecation are the poorest and most disadvantaged. This may be due to limited resources and capacity resulting in less well-built, less durable and less well-located toilets that are more likely to collapse, face problems and discourage use. Low social cohesion could also mean levels of support and help for the poorest and most marginalised suffers. In the era of the Sustainable Development Goals we must no longer target the low hanging fruit but focus also on the hardest to reach ensuring that no one is left behind.

We are looking for photographs that show examples of innovative programming and activities in this thematic area.

[You can find more information on how to enter here.](#)

CLTS Knowledge Hub activities at WEDC 2017



Many of you will be aware of the annual [WEDC International Conference](#). This year's theme is *Local Action with International Cooperation to Improve and Sustain Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Services*. The event will take place from the 24th to the 28th July in Loughborough, UK and includes three days to discuss and debate peer reviewed content, followed by two days of tailored capacity development workshops.

The CLTS Knowledge Hub is happy to be part of this conference again and will be offering the following activities:

CLTS Sharing and Learning workshop on Sunday 23rd July, all day: An opportunity for those working with or interested in CLTS to come together and share experiences, innovations, challenges, research, etc, discuss burning issues and network with each other.

Side event on Supporting the Poorest in CLTS on Monday 24th July, evening: CLTS, in its focus on community mobilisation instead of hardware and the creation of open defecation free villages instead of toilet construction for individual households, originally took a strong position against the use of individual household subsidies. However, recent studies have highlighted that ODF status is often fragile with those most likely to revert back to open defecation being the poorest, marginalised and most disadvantaged. In May 2017 UNICEF and the CLTS Knowledge Hub co-convened a workshop to share

experience and learning on ways that the poorest can be supported. The side event will share workshop discussions and up to date thinking on the topic, as well as highlighting innovations, challenges and opportunities of integrating support for the poorest with CLTS programming at scale. It will be a highly interactive event, asking participants to share their own experiences, knowledge and views.

Urban Capacity Development workshop, half day on either Thursday or Friday (tbc): This course will take participants through the different stages and considerations needed when applying a community-led total sanitation approach in peri-urban and urban areas.

Exhibition stall with publications, throughout the conference: a chance to pick up the latest CLTS Knowledge Hub publications as well as meet Hub members and other CLTS practitioners for informal chats.

More detailed information will follow soon. In the meantime, if you are attending the WEDC Conference and wish to attend the Sharing and Learning workshop, please [register here](#)

Reminder: webinar on monitoring, verification and certification of CLTS



The CLTS Knowledge Hub is hosting a free webinar on Tracking Progress and Sustainability: Monitoring, Verification and Certification of CLTS on Thursday 4th May 2017 at 12-13.30 (BST). [Register here](#)

Monitoring, verification and certification are essential for ensuring the success and sustainability of Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) efforts. Monitoring assesses and documents progress towards and the sustainability of Open Defecation Free (ODF) status. Verification and certification provide a goal for communities and help implementing agencies and governments to ensure consistency and reliability of desired outcomes.

The webinar will begin with an overview of global practice followed by case-studies from UNICEFs Kenya and Mali programmes. Presenters will explore successes as well as the issues and challenges that are emerging around monitoring, verification and certification as CLTS is being used at scale.

Presenters include:

- Kath Pasteur, independent consultant, author of Keeping Track: CLTS Monitoring, Certification and Verification
- Kalifa Keita, WASH Specialist, UNICEF Mali
- Shivanarain Singh, WASH Specialist, UNICEF Kenya

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