Community-led Total Sanitation
CLTS Newsletter April 2019

Dear friends and colleagues,

This April we are seeking a consultant to carry out a desk-based study on tackling slippage of open defecation free status. Useful resources we are sharing include an excellent blog post from Robert Chambers on what India and Africa can learn from each other; the ‘Clean Nigeria’ website and roadmap; and key resources on WASH in health care facilities.

We hope there is something of interest for you and look forward to hearing your news and suggestions for useful resources.

Many good wishes,

The CLTS Knowledge Hub

Seeking a consultant for slippage desk-based study

The CLTS Knowledge Hub at IDS is seeking a consultant to carry out a desk-based study (with the potential for fieldwork) on the topic of tackling slippage of open defecation free status. Deadline for applications: Monday 13th May 2019. Read more here.

Blog: Crossing continents: what can India and Africa learn from each other?

by Robert Chambers

Lessons learnt from the Swachh Bharat Mission–Gramin (Clean Rural India campaign) can provide useful insights for other countries running national sanitation campaigns. Chambers summarises key learning points from the SBM-G on sustained administrative leadership, balanced funding, creative campaigns and the need for realistic reporting, that translate well to some African contexts. Useful learning from Nepal and Bangladesh are also flagged up.
In the other direction, Chambers suggests that India could learn more from African experiences around grounded reporting, the benefits of no subsidy and good health and safety standards for sanitation workers. Read blog here.

**Clean Nigeria National Campaign - key resources**

In Nigeria the Federal Ministry of Water Resources (FMWR) in partnership with inter-ministerial agencies, civil society partners, media, the private sector, and the people of Nigeria have launched a national campaign to end open defecation in the country by 2025. At a special event, the Minister of Water Resources, Suleiman Adamu, unveiled the campaign and website Clean Nigeria. On the website you can find a wide range of resources, including the National Road Map For Eliminating ODF in Nigeria by 2025.

**WASH in Health Care Facilities - key resources**

Around the world, people are treated in health care facilities that lack adequate water, sanitation, hygiene materials and the right waste segregation - essentials that make health care safe. In 2018 the UN Secretary-General, António Guterres issued a Global Call to Action on WASH in all health care facilities to address this problem.

The first Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) report on WASH in health care facilities has been published this April. It introduces new ladders for basic services and establishes national, regional, and global baseline estimates that contribute toward global monitoring of access to WASH. Linked to this, WHO and UNICEF put together a companion document Practical Steps to Achieve Universal Access to Quality Care, a list of eight actions that can be taken at national and subnational levels to improve WASH in health care facilities. UNICEF also hosts an online knowledge portal with relevant information, tools, approaches, achievements and learnings.