



Community-led Total Sanitation

CLTS Newsletter August 2018

Dear friends and colleagues,

In this August newsletter, we are pleased to share the latest edition in our Frontiers series, *Engaging Men and Boys in Sanitation and Hygiene Programmes*. We have also published a number of interesting blog posts this month: one on highlights from the WEDC conference, another captures learning from the (pre-WEDC) CLTS Knowledge Hub workshop, plus two blogs from our recent bilingual workshop on rural sanitation in West and Central Africa. We are also featuring two resources that have caught our attention this month.

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

Engaging Men and Boys in Sanitation and Hygiene Programmes (Frontiers 11)



Efforts to improve sanitation and change social norms do not always actively engage men and boys in the most effective way - discussions of gender in sanitation and hygiene rather focus on the roles, positions or impacts on women and girls. [This issue of Frontiers](#) looks at how to engage men and boys in sanitation and hygiene programmes, the problems they contribute to and experience, and how to mobilise them as allies in the transformation of sanitation, health and gender equality outcomes.

Blog: Reflections on the CLTS Knowledge Hub's Sharing and Learning Workshop



Kanika Singh

[Kanika reflects on the sharing and learning workshop](#) she participated in at Nakuru, Kenya on 8th July 2018, the day before the WEDC conference started. The workshop saw an interesting mix of participants including policymakers, practitioners, researchers and social entrepreneurs. Participants identified and discussed three broad themes for the day: reaching the last mile; climbing the sanitation ladder; and learning and knowledge management.

Blog: Sustainability of ODF achievements and safely managed sanitation in West and Central Africa



Gaelle Fohr

Gaelle talks about [key messages on ODF achievements and safely managed sanitation](#) to emerge throughout the CLTS Knowledge Hub's West and Central Africa regional workshop. She highlights the strength of commitment of governments, NGOs, research institutes and United Nations staff working to improve the sanitation situation of children, women and men in the region. But also reflects that the road to end open defecation in the region is still long and challenging, highlighting the need for strong political, financial and human resources at national and decentralised levels and a strong knowledge management mechanism.

Blog: Finance and marketing for CLTS and rural WASH: challenges and opportunities in West and Central Africa



Florencia Rieiro

In her blog Florencia [reflects on sanitation finance and sanitation marketing \(SanMark\) discussions](#) that weaved throughout the four-day West and Central Africa regional workshop in Senegal, discussing the relevance of finance and marketing for making sanitation policies and programmes equitable, inclusive and sustainable.

Blog: Learnings from the 41st WEDC Conference



Kanika Singh

The theme of this years' WEDC five-day event was, 'Transformation towards sustainable and resilient WASH services'. [Kanika reflects on her highlights from the event](#) which include 'Blunders, Bloopers and Foul Ups: A WASH game show'; MHM for perimenopausal women; Equity, inclusion and non-discrimination in WASH; and research and evidence-based policymaking.

Learning Brief: Sanitation and hygiene for all: a comparative study of approaches to leaving no one behind across five countries

In 2017-2018, the Institute for Sustainable Futures at the University of Technology Sydney, conducted research on SNV's experience of striving to reach all through the Sustainable Sanitation and Hygiene for All (SSH4A) programme in rural areas across five of the 15 countries in which SSH4A is being implemented: Bhutan, Nepal, Cambodia, Zambia and Tanzania. [This eight-page research brief](#) provides an overview of the key findings, contributing to discussions about effective support strategies for achieving inclusive rural sanitation and hygiene.

Sanitation and health: what do we want to know?

This is the first of two blogs written about the 'Sanitation and health evidence consensus meeting', convened by the World Health Organization (WHO) in Seattle on May 24 and 25, 2018. [This first blog describes the process used to arrive at the consensus](#), which involved bringing together a group of expert researchers from across multiple disciplines who had written extensively on the topic of sanitation and health, whilst concurrently asking practitioners what questions they would like to have answers to in relation to sanitation and health evidence.

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