

CLTS Newsletter December 2014

Welcome to the last newsletter for 2014! We hope it's been a good year for you. Thank you for all your contributions and for being part of the community of CLTS and sanitation practitioners doing their best to improve the lives of the billions of women, children and men who still lack access to adequate sanitation.

If you are celebrating any holidays in December, we hope you have a relaxing time away from work. We wish everyone a good start to the new year- may it be a happy and healthy one for you and your loved ones.

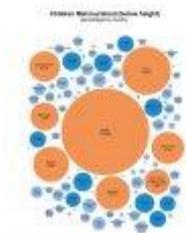
We look forward to continuing to work together in 2015 and hope to meet some of you along the way at workshops, conferences and events. We are always keen to hear from you, so if you have feedback, questions or experiences to share, [please be in touch](#) [1].

Many good wishes from

Petra, Robert, Naomi and Jamie at the CLTS Knowledge Hub

Highlights this month include

Re-framing undernutrition- new publication by Robert Chambers and Gregor von Medeazza



In this IDS Working Paper, Robert Chambers (CLTS Knowledge Hub, IDS) and Gregor von Medeazza (UNICEF) argue for a more inclusive framework for thinking about and dealing with undernutrition. One concept is FTIs (faecally-transmitted infections). This is designed to avoid the reductionisms of faecal-oral infections, waterborne diseases, and the focus on the diarrhoeas to the neglect of less dramatic and less measurable FTIs especially environmental enteropathy. A second concept is the 5 As – availability and access which both have oral associations, and absorption, antibodies and allopathogens which have anal associations. [Download the Working Paper here](#) [3]

The burning issue: Sustainability- call for abstracts for a writeshop and publication



Sustainability is without doubt one of the most burning subject matters that subsumes many of the issues that we are seeing in CLTS and wider WASH practice. There have been several useful studies on sustainability that have highlighted some of the different aspects as well as the complexities involved. However, it is unclear how much of the learning from these studies has been built into current and future programming and practice. Based on existing research and our own understanding, we have identified some priority areas for learning:

- How to phase in sanitation marketing
- Post-ODF engagement of government, NGOs, donors and others
- How to ensure equity and inclusion
- How to transform social norms
- Monitoring, learning, changing

We want to bring together experience, knowledge and key learnings in this area and are therefore planning a workshop and a publication for 2015. We are therefore inviting expressions of interest for participation in the workshop and contribution to the eventual publication from anyone who feels they have innovations, experience, ideas and learning to

contribute in response to one of the five areas outlined above. Participants will be selected on the basis of an abstract. On acceptance, they will then be invited to elaborate this further into a first draft before the workshop. [Find out more about how to apply to participate](#) [5]

Picturing CLTS- last chance to enter the photo competition



We have extended the deadline for entering our CLTS photo competition to the 31st December.

‘A picture speaks a thousand words’ – so 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 and/or show different types of CLTS activities,
- tell a story about what has happened as a result of CLTS,
- 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
- illustrate related aspects of sanitation and hygiene, eg menstrual hygiene management, handwashing, 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. [Find out how to enter the competition](#) [7]

More on Disability and making CLTS fully inclusive



It was great to see so much interest in the subject of disability and making CLTS fully inclusive- The Frontiers issue 3 as well as the webinar proved very popular. In case you missed the latter, [you can listen to a recording](#) [9], [see the powerpoint presentation](#) [10], [find related resources for further reading](#) [11] and [join the discussion](#) [12]. We hope that there will be more sharing of experiences, ideas and innovations around this theme. [Please get in touch](#) [13] if you have experiences to share.

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](#) [14]

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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Need to clean our biases first, then our streets

The country is ostensibly in the throes of a great social movement for sanitation. Gandhi's name is evoked, Prime Minister Narendra Modi leads from the front, ministers lift brooms for cameras, and officers, college and school children take oaths against littering and to clean their surroundings. Earlier the PM pledges in his Independence Day speech toilets for girls and boys in all schools.

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So Much to Keep Up With, So Much to Learn



This was the first time I have been to the annual four and a half day conference of the Water Institute at the University of North Carolina. Like the annual WEDC conference, there was a huge, almost overwhelming, harvest of information and learning. Here are some bullets of things that struck me... [Read more](#) [17]

Understanding and tackling city sanitation



Urban sanitation is becoming an emerging priority in the WASH sector, partly due to the realisation that it has not been given enough attention in the past. For one thing, because the Millennium Development Goals targeted sanitation coverage (people having access to latrines) and cities are doing much better than rural areas in this respect.

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We have a lot to learn...



Last week's Water and Health Conference held at the University of North Carolina's Water Institute had an array of different workshops, side events and oral and poster presentations focusing on sanitation. After only a day into the week-long event two important messages started to emerge. Firstly, the sanitation problem is endemic in certain parts of the world, especially India, and unfortunately we do not know a lot and have an awful lot to learn.

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What to do with infant poo? The blind spot of the blind spot



After a few years researching and working on sanitation, I feel (felt) that I have a good knowledge about the topic, or at least good knowledge of most of it and a clear picture of the areas I should learn more about. Moreover as a shit-worker I –and probably most of us in the sector– have developed a sort of pride or even vanity about being a herald of a neglected cause...

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News and resources by country

Ethiopia

Principles and practices for the inclusion of disabled people in access to safe sanitation: a case study from Ethiopia



Disabled people represent the largest socially excluded group and most live without access to basic sanitary services, which can exacerbate impairments and poverty. Nevertheless, they are often excluded from development intervention and research. In response, WaterAid in Ethiopia designed a pilot project in Butajira to meet the needs of disabled people within their service delivery work. Learning gained through the project informed WaterAid's equity and inclusion approach. [Read more](#) [21]

Ghana

Access to toilets in Ghana still low

Mr Julius Debrah, Minister for Local Government and Rural Development Wednesday expressed exasperation about the rather slow improvement in the access to toilets by citizens across the country. He said the six percent access in 1990 rose to only 15 percent in 2013, a dismal situation, giving indication, Ghana might not meet the Millennium Development Goal (MGD) target of 54 percent. Mr Debrah gave this assessment in a speech read for him at a ceremony in Ho to mark World Toilet Day in Ghana.

[Read more](#) [22]

India

Is Swachh Bharat repeating mistakes of the past?

India's proposed toilet revolution is all set to repeat mistakes of the past, writes Sreenivasan Jain. Read the story in [Business Standard, 30th October 2014](#) [23]

[Read more](#) [24]

Effectiveness of a rural sanitation programme on diarrhoea, soil-transmitted helminth infection, and child malnutrition in Odisha, India: a cluster-randomised trial

This study aimed to assess the effectiveness of a rural sanitation intervention, within the context of the Government of India's Total Sanitation Campaign, to prevent diarrhoea, soil-transmitted helminth

infection, and child malnutrition. It is based on a cluster-randomised controlled trial between May 20, 2010, and December 22, 2013, in 100 rural villages in Odisha, India. [Read more](#) [25]

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](#) [26]

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](#) [27]

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](#) [28]

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](#) [29]

Indonesia

Disability Inclusion in WASH: What has been achieved and how can this help other practitioners?



Plan Indonesia's water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programme features the use of Community-led Total Sanitation (CLTS) and hygiene promotion projects in several districts in Indonesia. To contribute to universal access and to reach the most vulnerable people, Plan Indonesia seeks to continuously improve disability inclusive strategies within its WASH programme. [Read more](#) [30]

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. [Read more](#) [31]

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. [Read more](#) [32]

Access case study: UCLTS in Mathare 10, Nairobi



Comprehensive case study of the urban CLTS project in Mathare 10, Nairobi, Kenya. [Read more](#) [33]

Nigeria

Ending Open Defecation in Nigeria

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) recently gave an indication that it would develop a road map for Nigeria to end open defecation by 2025. The organisation hold the belief that by eliminating open defecation, rampant cases of diarrhoea that kill many children of less than five years annually in the country, would reduce. [Read more](#) [34]

Philippines

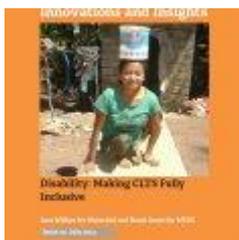
Negros Oriental (Philippines) vows to end open defecation

Some 24 percent of Negros Oriental household population are still practicing open defecation or having unsanitary toilets. This was reported during the first Provincial Sanitation Summit (29th October 2014) by Assistant Provincial Health Officer Dr. Edgardo Barredo as Negros Oriental marches towards zero open defecation (ZOD) under the World Bank's Water and Sanitation Program (WSP). According to Dr.

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Other news and resources

Continuing the sharing and discussion from the webinar on CLTS, disability and inclusion



Thank you to everyone who joined the webinar on *Disability- Making CLTS fully inclusive* today (30th October 2014). We hope it was useful for you and that you took away some learning and practical ideas for your work. The recording of the webinar will shortly be posted here. In the meantime, if you would like to continue the discussion, you can do so here on the [SuSanA Forum](#) [12]

[Read more](#) [36]

How a hole in the ground can help poor countries recover \$260 billion a year

Floating toilets. Toilets on wheels pulled by bikes. Toilets that compost. In his 30 years of worrying about human waste, there's probably not a variation on this most fundamental of fixtures that Andy Bastable, head of water and sanitation for Oxfam Great Britain, hasn't seen. On our increasingly crowded planet where experts predict that 66 percent of the population will be living in urban areas by 2050, the simple latrine is more essential than ever.

[Read more](#) [37]

How to eliminate open defecation by 2030

Junaid Ahmad of the World Bank reflects on what it will take to eliminate open defecation, touching on key elements such as political will, behaviour change, sanitation marketing, the role of the public sector and incentives. [Read more](#) [38]

Community-Led Total Sanitation: A “new frontier” for international social work practice

In this article, first published in the journal *Social Development Issues*, 36 (1), Terry A. Wolfer (University of South Carolina) makes the case for sanitation as an important issue for the social work profession and introduces CLTS as a preferred approach for addressing it. [Read more](#) [39]

Environmental Enteric Dysfunction – an Overview



This technical brief by the CMAM (Collaborating to improve the management of acute malnutrition worldwide) Forum provides an up-to-date and accessible overview of this condition, including impact on health and nutrition, diagnosis, epidemiology, possible aetiology and approaches to treatment. It considers how our present knowledge of this condition should affect our practice today, and highlights current research, future priorities and further reading. It is aimed at stakeholders involved and interested in the reduction of childhood undernutrition, especially those addressing child health

[Read more](#) [40]

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.

[Read more](#) [41]

Undoing inequity: inclusive water, sanitation and hygiene programmes that deliver for all: Uganda and Zambia

This briefing note reports baseline findings from a research project to understand the barriers disabled, older people and people living with a chronic illness face when accessing WASH in Zambia and Uganda.

[Read more](#) [42]

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](#) [43]

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