Welcome to the February edition of the CLTS Newsletter with a selection of highlights, suggested reading and news on CLTS and wider WASH issues.

We are always keen to hear from you and to learn about your experiences, lessons, challenges and insights. You are welcome to submit relevant resources such as blogs, case studies, research reports, informal write ups, videos etc at any time by emailing us at clts@ids.ac.uk. Similarly, if you come across articles, research, and other resources that you found interesting, eye-opening or that you feel are really important for others to know about, let us know and we can feature them in the next newsletter.

Winners of the CLTS Photo Competition: Picturing inclusive CLTS

We are delighted to announce the winners of the Picturing inclusive CLTS photo competition.

The winners are James Kiyimba (Uganda) with his two photos *Disability is not Inability* and *Knowledge is Power* and Andy Prinsen (Zambia) with his entry *School Sanitation: Equal and Proud*.

*Disability is not Inability*: Making CLTS inclusive entails giving community members knowledge and information on low cost design options. Armed with the right information, community members have the power to innovate using locally available low cost materials to make their sanitation facilities accessible by all. Olupot Martin, 50 a father of six children and carpenter by trade from Abibico village, Ogolai sub-county, Amuria district, north eastern Uganda was able to make a raised wooden seat to make his family latrine accessible.

*Knowledge is Power*: Olupot Martin (right) being introduced to different accessible technology options by TEDDO (WaterAid Uganda partner NGO) project staff. The provision of information on different inclusive infrastructure design options by TEDDO, (a local NGO) supported by WaterAid Uganda enabled Olupot Martin to adapt this traditional pit latrines to be more accessible for people living with disabilities.

*School Sanitation: Equal and Proud*: Female students from Maunga School in Zambia’s Southern Province stand in front of one of the school's new improved latrines. When the girls were menstruating, they would often stay home for lack of sanitation facilities at school. Now, with funds from UNICEF, the girls’ latrines are built with a privacy enclosure and a specially built water-channeling floor so they can wash properly before returning to class. Through sanitation tracking done by Akros, the school has seen a significant decrease in the young women missing school for days at a time.
New translations! Nouvelles traductions! Novas traduções!

We translate most of our key publication into French and Portuguese.

Nous traduisons la majeure partie de notre principale publication en français et en portugais. Vous trouverez une liste des ressources disponibles en français ici

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Un assainissement durable pour tous

We now have French translations of the online chapters of our book Sustainable Sanitation for all: Experiences, challenges and innovations. You can download them here

Nous avons maintenant des traductions en français des chapitres en ligne de notre livre Un assainissement durable pour tous: expériences, défis et innovations. Vous pouvez télécharger les chapitres ici

Rastrear Progresso e Sustentabilidade

The Learning Brief Tracking Progress and Sustainability: Monitoring, Verification and Certification of CLTS

is now also available in Portuguese. A French version will follow soon.

A Nota de Reflexão Rastrear Progresso e Sustentabilidade: Monitoria, Verificação e Certificação de CLTS está agora disponível em português. Baixá-lo aqui

Practical guidebook on increasing nutritional impact through integration of WASH and Nutrition

This operational guidebook put together by Action contre la faim demonstrates the importance of both supplementing nutrition programs with WASH activities and adapting WASH interventions to include nutritional considerations (i.e., making them more nutrition-sensitive and impactful on nutrition). It has been developed to provide practitioners with usable information and tools so that they can design and implement effective WASH and nutrition programs.

selected by Sue Cavill, independent WASH consultant.
Following on from Frontiers 7 on Norms, Knowledge and Usage, Robert Chambers writes about India's Rural Sanitation: From lose-lose to win-win on the CLTS blog, describing the Government of India's new campaign to promote twin pits as a cheaper, better, more sustainable solution than large expensive septic tanks. Recently, Principal Secretaries from almost all states took part in a pit-emptying exercise to de-mystify and de-stigmatise the emptying of such twin pit latrines, showing that the contents are 'dry, crumbly, and totally lacking in smell, a fertiliser which some compared to coffee powder.' Read more. The secretaries' public example-setting was well covered in the media, for example in this piece in the Times of India and by the rice Institute in The Hindu.

Robert has also written a second blog with eleven practical suggestions for the Swachh Bharat Gramin which you can find here.

Get in touch if you have suggestions for materials to be featured in the next newsletter in March! You can contact us via clts@ids.ac.uk

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