

# Community-Led Total Sanitation



## Welcome to the **February 2012 CLTS Update**

A warm welcome to those who have recently joined the mailing list! Happy new year to everyone- hope it has started well for you.

We would really like to hear from you, so if you have comments, suggestions etc about the newsletter or the website, let us know. And, more importantly, we wouldn't be able to run the website without your contributions of knowledge and materials, so please keep them coming. You can email us at [CLTS@ids.ac.uk](mailto:CLTS@ids.ac.uk)

### Content:

#### Top News

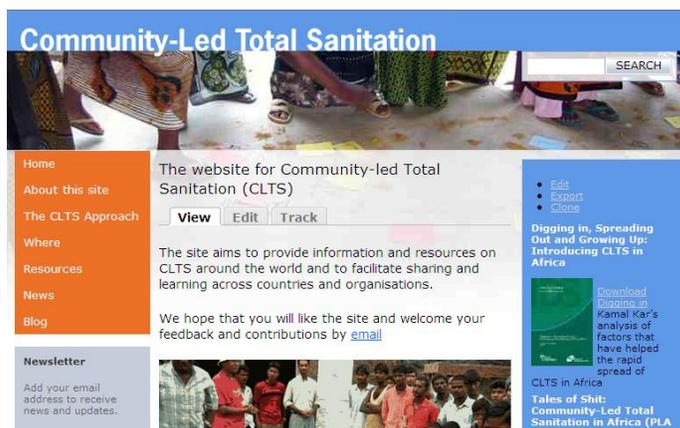
- ❖ Transforming the CLTS website
- ❖ Spotlight on *handwashing*
- ❖ Your experience: Technology options and innovations for difficult conditions
- ❖ New on the blog!
- ❖ Do you work on CLTS in any of the following countries? Call for information!

#### Also

- ❖ Other new resources on the website
- ❖ Tips and tricks for using the site

---

## Transforming the CLTS website



We are in the process of making some changes to the website to make it even more user-friendly, easier to search, add some functions and give it a new look and feel. The website has been running in its current format for just over three years now, and even though we have made additions and tweaks along the way, we feel it's time to give it a good spring clean and overhaul! So watch this space! This may

also mean that there may be some hitches as we set it all up, so please bear with us over the next two months. If you have any suggestions of what you would like to see on the site or general comments, do get in touch with us. We always welcome your feedback at [clts@ids.ac.uk](mailto:clts@ids.ac.uk)

---

## [Spotlight on Handwashing: part and parcel of CLTS?!](#)

Is handwashing an integral part of CLTS? If so, how is it incorporated during triggering? And if not, do we need additional hygiene promotion approaches to complement CLTS?

A very lively discussion started around this subject recently after someone suggested that handwashing does not form part of CLTS, arguing that the [CLTS handbook](#) does not make (sufficient) reference to it. The person then went on to conclude that PHAST or similar tools were needed to add a hygiene component to CLTS.

Most commentators agreed that without handwashing it is impossible to reach ODF as the faecal–oral contamination route from hands to mouth will not be cut and that therefore CLTS is an essential part of CLTS. There are some great examples of how good facilitators draw to handwashing at the time of triggering from experienced practitioners, as well as discussion of some challenges that can arise.

[Read the discussion](#) that ensued and do add your own views, comments and examples either by hitting the *Add a comment button* below the blog post or by [emailing me](#).



---

## **Your experience: Technology options and innovations for difficult conditions**

One of the challenges for sustainability of ODF can be difficult physical conditions that make the latrines built by communities collapse after a short time or make it hard to dig pits in the first place. Such conditions include flood-prone areas, sandy soil or hard rock. But we also know that there are ways and technological innovations that communities and CLTS practitioners have found to tackle these issues. We would like to hear from you



Sandbag latrine lining, Oxfam, South Sudan

- What are your experiences dealing with these challenging conditions?
- What designs and technological options have you used?
- How can these be introduced in a way that fits with the CLTS methodology?

- What innovative ways have communities themselves found to address these issues?

Please send your responses and any photos that may show these innovations, designs and technological options to [CLTS@ids.ac.uk](mailto:CLTS@ids.ac.uk) We look forward to hearing from you. We will collate examples and share them with others via the website.

---

## **New on the Blog**

There has been a lot of activity on the blog recently. We hope you will check out some of the interesting contributions and the discussions that are emerging and contribute your views either by sending your own reflections or stories for the blog, or by commenting on existing posts.

### **NEW Re-Launching the ODF Rural Kenya by 2013 Campaign**

By: [\*Samuel Musyoki\*](#)



It is not even one year since the Ministry of Public Health and Sanitation (MOPHS) the launched the Open Defection Free Rural Kenya by 2013 campaign. So why the re-launch? Upon reflection, it was clear to key institutional champions within the Ministry of Public Health and Sanitation, SNV and UNICEF that not much had happened since the launch in May 2011. As one of the senior officers in the MOPH put it, "...a lot had been assumed after the launch e.g. partners would come on board to support the realization of the road map... but it was clear we were not adhering to the road map"...

### **NEW Tackling fear and scepticism: advice and examples from CLTS trainings in South Sudan**

By: [\*Philip Otiemo\*](#)



One of the challenges that I often experience when conducting trainings is the fear that CLTS is not an ideal approach for post emergency countries like South Sudan. This fear is commonly expressed by participants attending a training for the first time. Most of the time this objection is made in good faith, but it generally turns out to be a hypothetical fear, not rooted in any real life experiences in the field...

**[NEW 'Funerals and sanitation in Africa are closely related': personal reflections on taking CLTS back to our own communities](#)**

By: [Samuel Musyoki](#)

It feels like more than a year since I blogged. No sooner did I come back to work on the 9th January 2012 than was I forced by circumstances to take compassionate leave to be with my mother and family after our dear sister (my immediate follower) passed on. It was painful but we are adjusting to the loss. Funerals and sanitation in Africa are closely related...

**[NEW No more shit! Celebrating community achievements in Mulanje](#)**

By: [Tessa Roselli](#)

As part of CLTS, communities are recognized for their efforts and commitment to attaining Open Defecation Free (ODF) status. They are commemorated with a large ODF celebration, rewarding communities for playing a dedicated role in improving their sanitation and hygiene practices, and truly taking ownership over their health. Plan Malawi in partnership with the Mulanje District health and sanitation stakeholders, had successfully implemented CLTS and supported their communities in becoming ODF...

**[NEW Challenges and hope for CLTS in South Sudan](#)**

By: [Philip Otiemo](#)

UNICEF and Plan South Sudan are working together to roll out CLTS in South Sudan. I have been supporting them to build capacity for CLTS implementation since April 2011. So far, a total of 5 trainings have been conducted in 5 states, namely Central Equatoria, Jonglei, Upper Nile, Western Equatorial and Western Bhar El Gazel. The trainings have targeted Plan and UNICEF staff and their partners,...



**[NEW Discrimination, duties and low hanging fruit: Reflections on equity](#)**

By: [Robert Chambers](#)

The equity day at the WSSCC Global Forum in Mumbai (October 2011) made a deep impact on me. I am ashamed to admit this. I should not have needed this. I have been banging on about 'putting the last first' for years, but the fuller implications of this with sanitation only came home to me on this day. Thank you those who came and shared their experiences with us –rehabilitated manual cleaners, slum dwellers, disabled, minorities... and Louisa Gosling, Archana Patkar and Nomathemba Neseni and who pulled scales from my eyes...

Would you like to share your experiences, reflections, questions or ideas on the blog? Have a look at these [tips for writing for the blog](#) and get in touch with us at [CLTS@ids.ac.uk](mailto:CLTS@ids.ac.uk) Or take a look at existing blog posts and share your views and suggestions by clicking on *add a comment*.

**Do you work on CLTS in any of the following countries? If so, we would like to hear from you as we do not yet have information about CLTS in your country on our site!**

- Benin,
- Burundi,
- Cameroon,
- Central African Republic,
- Congo Brazzaville,
- Djibouti,
- Gambia,
- Guinea Bissau,
- Guinea Conakry,
- Liberia,
- Madagascar,
- Mongolia,
- Myanmar,
- Philippines,
- Togo



We are keen to have all the countries in which CLTS is being implemented represented on the website, to showcase all the great work that is being done and to ensure that lessons learned are being shared widely. The website is there for you to share your experiences, innovations, challenges, reflections, questions and successes. So please stay in touch with your news and submit materials for the website to [CLTS@ids.ac.uk](mailto:CLTS@ids.ac.uk).

---

## Other new resources on the website

### Africa

#### Kenya

**NEW [Shared sanitation, hygiene information and tales \(S.S.H.I.T\)- Kenya's monthly CLTS newsletter](#)**

CLTS newsletter produced by the Ministry of Public Health and Sanitation, supported by Plan Kenya, SNV, WSP and the CLTS Foundation. Includes interviews, news and articles relating to CLTS in Kenya.

#### Liberia



**NEW [Dirty little secret: the loo that saves lives in Liberia](#)**

Liberia's president Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf is trying to fix her country one toilet at a time. Rose George reports from Fishtown on a female president with difference, CLTS and why sanitation is still not being seen as a priority by many politicians and communities.

## Malawi

### **NEW [Mulanje villages hailed for toilet use](#)**

On the 20th January, four villages in Mulanje were declared ODF by Plan International and the government of Malawi. “[I]mproving sanitation condition of Malawi ensures the country’s own bright future,” said Bolaji Akinboro, Plan’s Country Director.



### **NEW [Launch of ODF Malawi strategy spurs communities into action](#)**

The recently launched strategy for creating an ODF Malawi by 2015 is giving a boost to CLTS activities in communities where open defecation used to be the order of the day.

### **NEW [District-Level Sanitation M&E Pilot Review Workshop](#)**

On the 6th January 2012, EWB and the Ministry of Health, supported by IDS, held a district-level sanitation monitoring and evaluation (M&E) pilot review workshop. Objectives included the clarification of indicators proposed by the pilot programme, review of responsibilities, and the creation of an action plan.

### **NEW [Activating field-level CLTS stakeholders in Chikwina](#)**

Case study on how various field level stakeholders interact to promote CLTS in their villages, based on the experience in Chikwina Health Centre in Nkhata Bay District. The study looked at Traditional Leaders, Health Surveillance Assistants (HSAs, extension staff for health) and Natural Leaders as stakeholders in the CLTS process.

### **NEW [Taking action on inactive CLTS volunteers](#)**

Case study from Chitipa District Council on the effectiveness of Natural Leaders and how they can best be utilised for CLTS success. This study presents suggestions for potential changes which can be made regarding support to Natural Leaders so that they can work at scale in Malawi.

### **NEW [The role of health surveillance assistants in CLTS in Malawi](#)**

Case study on the effects of integrating CLTS into routine Health Surveillance Assistant (HSA) work (the extension staff for the health department) in Salima district, based on action research carried out at the Maganga Rural Health Centre.

## Mauritania

### **NEW [Mohamed Yahya, a CLTS facilitator like no other](#)**

Inspiring case study of Mohamed Yahya, who has not let physical limitations get in the way of his enthusiasm, commitment and dedication to become a fulltime CLTS facilitator and contribute to the wellbeing of the communities in the Adrar region of Mauritania.

## Sierra Leone

### **NEW** [CHIDO celebrates CLTS in Tunkia Chiefdom](#)

Chibuzor for Human Resource Development Organisation (CHIDO) together with UNICEF, Kenema District Council and other partners celebrates the ODF certification on 32 communities in Tunkia Chiefdom and has plans to make the whole district ODF.

## Sudan

### **NEW** [Communities in Sudan express strong commitment to CLTS](#)

Description of a CLTS training workshop that was jointly organised by Plan Sudan and Goal Ireland in cooperation with the Federal Ministry of Health and the Khartoum State Ministry of Health and took place from the 17th to 21st December 2011.

## Asia and Pacific

## India

### **NEW** [India's women given low-cost route to sanitary protection](#)

Few Indian women can afford sanitary towels. But one social entrepreneur aims to change that, and provide an income too: Arunachalam Muruganatham went to great lengths to develop an effective solution, even wearing sanitary towels and a device filled with blood himself to test his innovations.



## Indonesia



### **NEW** [40 villages declared ODF/STBM in Indonesia](#)

Forty villages in two districts of TTS (West Timor) and TTU (North Central Timor) in East Nusa Tenggara were recently declared not only ODF but also having met the other criteria of Indonesia's Community Based Total Sanitation (STBM in Indonesian language) approach.

## Pakistan

### **NEW** [Ending open defecation in rural Pakistan](#)

Plan Pakistan with the help of a local partner, Integrated Regional Support Programme (IRSP), and supported by UNICEF is working to change the state of sanitation in Pakistan. CLTS is used to trigger communities but in order to sustain demand, Plan's local partners remain in contact the communities through community resource persons. Three resource persons conduct follow on hygiene sessions. Additionally, the electronic

and print media are utilized in order to ensure communities do not slip back to open defecation and keep on climbing up on sanitation ladder.

### **NEW Azra- empowered to help her community with sanitation and hygiene**

Case study from Mardan, NWFP, of a 22 year old woman from a very conservative Pathan background, who initially worked as a volunteer hygiene promoter for Integrated Rural Support Programme (IRSP), trained in CLTS, PRA and other approaches and then felt empowered to mobilise awareness around sanitation and hygiene in her communities.



## **Vietnam**

### **NEW Latrines – “special” asset of Ky Ry village**

Ky Ry village (48 households, 274 inhabitants) in A Xing commune in Vietnam has proved to be a leading village in CLTS, building and using latrines and cleaning up the village after Plan triggered CLTS there. Ky Ry village, home to Pako people, an ethnic minority people in Vietnam, is now ODF.

## **Latin America**

## **Bolivia**



### **NEW Taller de reflexion: Experiencias de la implementacion del SANTOLIC en Bolivia**

Desde la introducción del SANTOLIC a Bolivia en 2006, se han tenido experiencias en diferentes regiones en Bolivia y de diferentes organizaciones o instituciones, cuyos resultados están relacionados a las potencialidades y limitaciones del método. El objetivo de este taller de reflexión fue el intercambio de experiencias de implementación del

método en las distintas regiones con el fin de analizar las posibilidades de ampliación, como parte de la política pública para reducir las brechas en la cobertura de saneamiento en las zonas rurales de Bolivia.

### **NEW Lecciones aprendidas y perspectivas de SANTOLIC en Bolivia: avances de la experiencia piloto 2010-2011**

En el segundo semestre de 2009, con el Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Agua se acordó implementar un proyecto piloto para sistematizar y evaluar las condiciones de aplicación del SANTOLIC en Bolivia. Con la anuencia del MMAyA se inició la ejecución del Plan de Acción Piloto en febrero de 2010.

## Did you know that...

... you can contribute to the site? For information on how to do this, [see this page](#) or [contact us](#)

... if you are new to CLTS, the [key resources](#) are a good place to start!

...you can search the website with google by typing a keyword into the box in the top right hand corner of the page or browse materials by type or topic on the [resources page](#)

...you can follow CLTS on [twitter](#) for regular updates and news

... you can easily and quickly share materials from the website with others via social networking sites (twitter, facebook, delicious) with the *Share this* function. Just click on the relevant symbol at the bottom of each resource



... on the [homepage](#) you can see the five newest items on the website

... you can see a global overview of CLTS on the [Where](#) pages and by zooming in on the map you can look at a continent or region or visit the pages of the country you are interested in.

... you can read previous newsletters on the website in the [archive](#)

... the [CLTS handbook](#) is available in six languages on the website (and in three more in hardcopy) and is the most downloaded document!

...the latest key publications are featured on the right hand side of the front page and you can access them directly by clicking on the images or following the download link.

**Many good wishes,**

**Petra Bongartz (Ms), Coordination, Communication and Networking  
Officer: CLTS**

**Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex,**

**[P.Bongartz@ids.ac.uk](mailto:P.Bongartz@ids.ac.uk)**

