

Community-Led Total Sanitation



Welcome to the **October 2012 CLTS Update**

A warm welcome to those who have recently joined the mailing list!

We had a bit of a break over the summer but hopefully the wait will have been worth it- the October newsletter is packed with resources, information, exciting news and other items which we hope you will enjoy and find useful.

We love getting feedback, suggestions and contributions- so get in touch with us at CLTS@ids.ac.uk And perhaps you know someone else who would really benefit from receiving this newsletter- send us their names or ask them to subscribe via the website.

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New look: Website to be re-launched in November

Behind the scenes we have been working for a while now to re-launch the current website with a new look and improved functionality. We had hoped to launch this new site over the summer but due to some delays, we will now make the transition from the current site to the new one in November. So watch this space for news of the launch. And do bear with us- there may well be some hitches during the first few weeks. But please share any feedback you have with us, and above all, continue to share your experiences, views, innovations and activities with us so that the website continues to be a comprehensive resource on CLTS.

[WSSCC Community of Practice](#)

The Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) recently launched an online global Community of Practice for Sanitation and Hygiene. The aim is to reinforce the global community of those working in sanitation and hygiene and create a neutral platform to share and learn together. You can find more information [here](#) In order to join the group, you will need to create a Linked In profile.



Vision

The Community of Practice (CoP) provides a neutral overarching web or "meta platform" that links existing learning, networks, working groups and practitioners in sanitation and hygiene together. The intention is for the initiative to be sector owned where practitioners come together in a neutral space without logos or organizational affiliation to share and learn from each other.

Mission

The CoP will convene a series of thematic learning and engagement platforms for sanitation and hygiene practitioners and professionals. Working with strategic partners, the CoP will convene face-to-face and online forums for exchange. These activities may take place within other sector events (conferences / forums or using existing infrastructure (discussion boards / webinars / social networks). Each CoP activity will be designed to promote in-depth dialogue and honest debate, sharing problems and solutions and identifying best practices in a way that will benefit practitioners.

[Read more](#)

[Report back from the International workshop on CLTS Monitoring, Verification, Learning and Information Management in Lilongwe](#)



From the 6th-10th August 2012, IDS convened an international workshop on [CLTS Monitoring, Verification, Learning and Information Management](#) in Lilongwe, Malawi. The event brought together CLTS practitioners from NGOs, governments and international agencies from 16 countries where CLTS is being implemented, plus participants from the UK and the USA.

Rationale

CLTS is now being implemented in more than 50 countries, of which at least 15 have made CLTS official national policy. With many countries embarking on national campaigns with ambitious targets, we believe that it is critical and timely to look in detail at different strategies and systems for post-triggering and post

ODF monitoring, verification, and information management and learning. The aim of this specialised workshop

was to bring together government and other actors to share their methods and experiences. Some of the questions driving the discussions were

- *How can rapid realism be achieved so that implementers and policy-makers have timely and accurate information?*
- How can target-driven campaigns and reward systems avoid generating inflated data?
- *How can monitoring by communities and by local level staff provide realistic and comparable data for monitoring and aggregating higher up the system?*
- How can the focus be on outcomes of communities sustainably ODF more than on outputs of latrines and toilets constructed?

Read the [Notes from the Workshop](#) to get an insight into the discussions and all the innovative ways in which monitoring, verification, data collection and other issues are being handled in different countries.

You may also like to take a look at the following **blogs** written by workshop participants

[Successes and challenges in monitoring CLTS at scale: Views from an international workshop in Malawi](#)

[Improving data collection and reporting](#)

[Taking monitoring to scale: sharing in Malawi](#)

[Open defecation free takes centre stage in Mtalika village in Malawi](#)

[Using ICT to track outcomes](#)

[Information and Communication Technology for Monitoring: exciting discussions in Lilongwe](#)

Report back from EASAN 3, Bali, Indonesia



[Report from the CLTS and Scaling-up Rural Sanitation Side-Event at EASAN 3, Bali](#)

From the 8th-9th September 2012, a learning workshop on CLTS and scaling up rural sanitation in the East Asia and Pacific Region was held in Bali. The workshop, organised by Jejaring AMPL Indonesia, the CLTS team at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Plan International, UNICEF, WaterAid, WSP and WSSCC, was a

side event prior to the EASAN3 Conference. Over 60 participants from 14 countries participated in the side event. The workshop's aim was to create a stronger community of practice for CLTS and rural sanitation in the region, and hence ensure quality expansion and scale-up of community-led approaches for sanitation and hygiene.

[Read a report from the two day event](#)

Regional review of CLTS in the East Asia and Pacific region

At the workshop as well as in a session during the main EASAN Conference, Andy Robinson presented initial findings from the [regional review of CLTS in the East Asia and Pacific region](#) which he has been carrying out on behalf of UNICEF, WaterAid Australia, Plan and WSP-EAP.

At the EASAN 3 Conference, the [Bali Declaration](#) was signed by ministerial representatives of the 13 countries present.



New CLTS films

Seeing is believing is one of the maxims, regularly heard in the world of CLTS, so why not take a look at these videos that show CLTS in action in different communities?

NEW Let's seek small changes (Nepal)

Video from Plan Nepal showing the community's efforts to create a clean and healthy community.

NEW The last taboo (Kenya)

Documentary about CLTS in Kenya by Tony Steyger: "THE LAST TABOO is

not a worthy documentary with a righteous message. Instead it uses humour and sincerity to tell the stories of two remarkable Kenyan men who are helping their local communities to stop defecating in the open and start building toilets. And that's a tall order when over 6 million Kenyans use the bush rather than the bathroom, in thrall to all sorts of taboos and cultural barriers."

NEW People like it clean: the story of CLTS in Nanded (India)

Film by Knowledge Links about the story of urban CLTS in Nanded, a fast growing city in the south-eastern part of Maharashtra in India. (11 minutes) A longer version of the film is available on request.

New on the Blog

Activity on the blog has been a bit slow these last couple of months after a surge of contributions surrounding the Malawi workshop (*see above*). We would love for more people to get involved in writing blogs and commenting with their own experiences or questions on others' contributions. Take a look and remember that this is the place to start discussions, ask questions, share your views! Why not send us your own ideas for a blog post to CLTS@ids.ac.uk.



NEW Dignified shitting: 12 villages in Tharaka County say goodbye to open defecation

By Samuel Musyoki

On the 29th August 2012 I attended an amazing ceremony where over 600 community members –girls and boys, men and women- in Kaguma sub-location in Tharaka South District gathered under trees, drummed, sang and danced to mark the end of open defecation in their community. It is the biggest ODF celebration I have ever attend -12 villages celebrating ODF at once is a big achievement...

Forthcoming events

To stay up to date with events, you can check the [Forthcoming Events](#) listings. If you know of a regional or global event that is taking place and is not yet on the list, please let us know.

2012

15th October [Global Handwashing Day](#)

19th November [World Toilet Day](#)

3rd-6th December [World Toilet Summit](#), Durban, South Africa



2013

9th-11th April [IRC Symposium on Monitoring Sustainable WASH Service Delivery](#), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

16th-18th November SACOSAN V, Nepal

Other new resources on the website

Africa

NEW Annual Report 2011 of the Pan African CLTS Programme 'Empowering self-help sanitation of rural and peri-urban communities and schools in Africa' This second annual narrative report describes progress at country level and the main challenges and lessons learned during the reporting period January 2011- December 2011. You can find out more about the Pan Africa programme [here](#)

Kenya

NEW Addressing Hygiene and Sanitation in a Maasai Boma using CLTS In Intinyika village of Kajiado district, the Maasai community has declared total war on a dirty environment, characterized by indiscriminate disposal of *inkik* – the Maasai word for faecal matter.



NEW [Latrine use drive bears fruit](#) The SLTS programme initiated by Plan Kenya in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health is showing promising results.

Liberia

NEW [Support and Nurture: What we Need for the Planted CLTS Seed to Develop and Grow](#) An evaluation of Community-Led Total Sanitation in Liberia. The evaluation was based on the OECD/DAC criteria for evaluating development programmes – relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability.

Madagascar

NEW [La lettre d'information de l'ATPC/CLTS](#)

Cette lettre d'information du CLTS a pour but d'informer les acteurs du secteur WASH sur les avancées de la mise en œuvre du CLTS à Madagascar. La lettre d'information sortira tous les mois et fera état des progrès de la mise en œuvre de l'approche, son adoption et sa popularisation au niveau national. Elle donnera aussi les conseils, les liens utiles et les contacts nécessaires pour permettre la mise à l'échelle de cette approche. N'hésitez pas à nous envoyer vos rapports, témoignages sur la mise en œuvre de cette approche.

NEW [Recommandations générales sur les outils CLTS](#) Présentation avec les recommandations pour l'utilisation de l'ATPC en Madagascar.

NEW [L'ATPC/CLTS à Madagascar](#) Une présentations lors des différents ateliers sur l'ATPC reflétant l'histoire de l'ATPC à Madagascar

Malawi

NEW [SHITS issue 14 Apr-June 2012](#) The latest edition of this popular newsletter- this time with articles on school sanitation, sustainability, sanitation marketing and the activities of a drama group that engages in awareness raising around sanitation issues.

NEW [Plan Malawi WASH News](#) Newsletter by the Plan Malawi WASH Team, featuring an overview of progress made up to July 2011, an introduction to activities that form part of the Pan Africa project and details of the Global Sanitation Fund programme in Malawi.

NEW ['The goat is to be halal': field level lessons on scaling up CLTS](#) Poignant case study on why harmonisation of approaches between all players involved in CLTS in a given context is vital for success and how NGO activities (however well intended) can end up undermining local government.

NEW [How to prevent goats from eating soap: an innovation to protect handwashing facilities](#) In many communities, soap placed at handwashing stations disappears because goats (or other animals) eat it. Communities in Malawi have found a simple but innovative way to prevent this.

NEW [Innovative monitoring method for hand washing facility usage](#)

Case study of Jimu village where community members have come up with an innovative way of monitoring whether handwashing facilities are actually being used.

Sudan

NEW [CLTS experience in Guli PU – a case study from Plan Sudan](#)

We used to look over our shoulders every now and then like someone avoiding the police" said Batool from Um Ukaz village describing their "journey "to defecate in the open, "now if our latrine collapse a hundred times we will keep rebuilding it because it made a great difference in our life".



NEW [Warrap calls for public health education to combat preventable diseases](#) Health experts and government authorities in South Sudan's Warrap State have called for increased efforts and new innovative approaches to combat high maternal and infant mortality rates through the promotion of preventative care. Open defecation is a major contributing factor to myriad of water and sanitation related diseases such as diarrhea, typhoid, polio, cholera, acute respiratory infection amongst others.

Uganda

NEW [A review of Oxfam's CLTS initiative in Kitgum/Lamwo districts, northern Uganda](#) A review of Oxfam's CLTS initiative in Kitgum/Lamwo districts, northern Uganda, carried out between July 2009 and July 2010 by Ines Muñoz Sanchez of Wageningen University & Research centre.

Zambia

NEW [Taking CLTS to scale in Zambia](#) The Government of Zambia has adopted CLTS as their national strategy for improving access to improved sanitation and for meeting not only the MDG target but also achieving an ODF rural Zambia by 2015. A number of structures and processes have been put in place in order to ensure quality implementation of CLTS at scale and create sustainability.

NEW [The legal enforcement approach for urban CLTS in Zambia](#) In Zambia, the CLTS legal enforcement approach is being used for urban and peri urban sanitation development. Drawing on the Public Health Act, the approach targets sanitation and hygiene in public places such as government, schools and hospitals, as well as in food establishments, lodges and markets.

NEW [Plan International promotes cheaper hygiene practices](#) Since 2008 Plan International Zambia has been implementing CLTS in Mansa. The programme promotes use of basic sanitation practices, including use of traditional pit latrines, affordable handwashing facilities, dishracks and rubbish pits.

NEW [Community-based sanitation programme launched in Monze](#) CLTS has been introduced in Moomba constituency in Chief Chona of Monze district. The programme which was pioneered by the traditional leadership through the local authorities in the district involves sensitisation of the community over cleanliness by encouraging them to build toilets, raising dish racks among others.

NEW [UNICEF blames diseases on poor sanitation](#) UNICEF says 80 per cent of diseases in Zambia are caused by environmental, water and sanitation related problems.



Asia and Pacific

Afghanistan

NEW [Improving Water, Sanitation, and Health: Itarchi Hakimabad, Afghanistan](#) The USAID-funded Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Project, Afghanistan (SWSS) project increases access to potable water and sanitation services in Afghan communities and decreases the prevalence of water borne diseases through household hygiene interventions. Led by the Association for Rural Development, in partnership with Management Sciences for Health, SWSS has led nearly 400 communities in Afghanistan to become Open Defecation Free.

East Timor

NEW [CLTS training workshop for facilitation teams in East Timor](#) This case study describes and analyses a six-day Training of Facilitators (TOF) workshop on the CLTS methodology in East Timor, which was held in November 2011. It describes how CLTS has been adapted to the Timorese context (where there is limited experience with community facilitation and mobilization and there has been a long period of subsidy for

infrastructure generally) how the workshop was planned and implemented, how the practice sessions were organized in the villages, and what was learned from the workshop about how to do CLTS training and how to facilitate the triggering process.

India

NEW [Heard of the CLTS magic?](#) A bit of motivation and awareness transforms a dirty Jharkhand village into a clean place, under the Community-Led Total Sanitation approach, reports S. Vishwanath.

NEW [Subsidy or self-respect](#) Local communities should be empowered to analyse the extent and risk of environmental pollution caused by open defecation, and to construct toilets without any subsidies, writes Dr Amit Kumar Agrawal in Tehelka, 2nd October 2012

NEW [Concurrent M&E system to track CLTS progress using Google Fusion and Google Earth](#) The CLTS programme in Budni Block, Madhya Pradesh, India, supported by UNICEF, aims to obtain the first-of-its-kind model resource ODF Block in Madhya Pradesh, through CLTS. The programme uses a combination of innovative M&E applications to track progress and manage follow up: Google Earth and Google Fusion offer powerful tools for fine-tuning implementation, triggering and follow-up strategies to accelerate progress towards ODF.

NEW [CLTS in Nanded](#) Two reports on urban CLTS in Nanded submitted by students of the Tata Institute of Social Work, Mumbai, India.

NEW [From dreams to reality – Compendium of best practices in rural sanitation in India](#) This publication by the Water and Sanitation Programme (WSP) presents, through over 20 case studies, examples of best practices in rural sanitation that have taken place across India, both at the village and the state or district level.

Indonesia

NEW [Wiping out old habits: Grobogan community's journey towards becoming ODF](#) Grobogan is a district in Central Java, Indonesia where Plan Indonesia is implementing CLTS. The story of Grobogan yields many valuable lessons about eradicating the practice of open defecation, and realising a child's right to a clean and healthy environment.

NEW [Monitoring Progress and Program performance, and Sequencing of CLTS and Sanitation Marketing](#) Powerpoint presentation by Nilanjana Mukherjee, summarising experiential learning from the Total Sanitation and Sanitation Marketing (TSSM) Project, 2007-10 in East Java.

NEW [Informed choice catalogue on improved latrine options](#)

This booklet was developed to show that there is a wide range of rural latrine options and latrine designs adapted for users with special needs or for use in special circumstances (flooding, high groundwater table). Such different latrine types that can be used in rural areas are shown in pictures together with advantages and disadvantages, expected life span and needed materials. This format makes it easy to present a range of options and to discuss villagers' preferences (depending on their willingness and ability to pay).

NEW [Indonesia is 3rd lowest ranked ASEAN country in terms of sanitation quality](#) Indonesia is the third-lowest ranking ASEAN country in terms of sanitation quality, according to Public Works Minister Djoko Kirmanto.

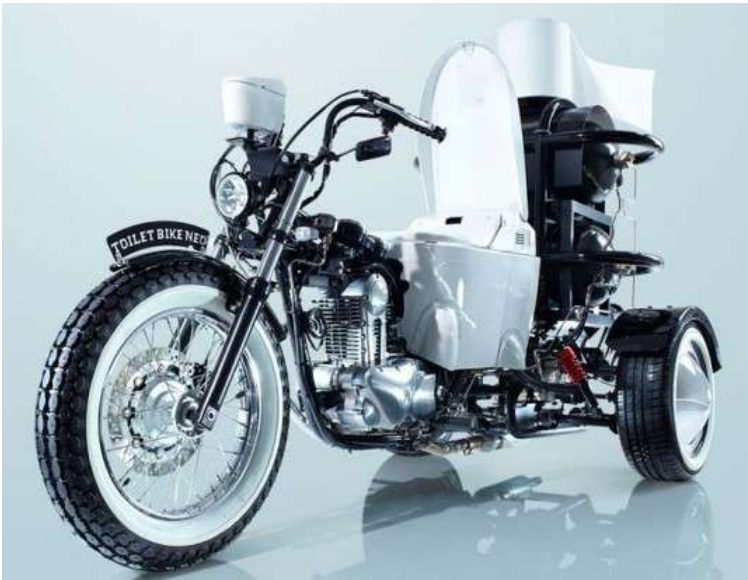
NEW [Percik](#) Percik is a quarterly-published magazine on CLTS (STBM) as well as WASH topics more generally.



Pakistan

NEW [ODF Verification Visit Chakwal](#) NRSP (National Rural Support Programme) and Plan Pakistan came are working together on a WES project that targets 430,000 people in twenty five Union Councils of District Chakwal over three years to safeguard and protect their health from water, sanitation and hygiene related diseases. The main components of the project are CLTS and SLTS. On June 21, 2012 a joint visit of NRSP, Plan Pakistan and PHED (Public Health Engineering Department) teams was arranged to four villages which had become ODF.

And for a bit of fun... Take a look at this



TOTO Unveils Poo-Powered 'Toilet Bike Neo' Motorcycle!

The Japanese toilet company TOTO just unveiled the ultimate green motorcycle – and it doesn't run on gasoline or an electric motor. Instead, TOTO's 'Toilet Bike Neo' runs on biogas that is produced from livestock waste. [Read more here](#)

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