Community-led Total Sanitation

We have had a busy month! In this May newsletter we are happy to share with you highlights, resources and interviews from recent events we have hosted and attended, an invitation to a forthcoming webinar we are hosting on Sanitation, Men and Boys, plus a mix of interesting new resources that have caught our attention over the 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

Webinar: The Other Side of Gender - Sanitation, Men and Boys

Date: Thursday, May 17, 2018
Time: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM BST
Venue: online!

To coincide with the release of a review on the involvement of men and boys in sanitation and hygiene programmes the CLTS Knowledge Hub are hosting a webinar on the other side of gender. Whilst discussions around gender in WASH (and elsewhere) often focus on the roles, positions or impacts on women and girls, this webinar will explore three questions with a specific focus on men and boys. Find out what the questions are and register here!

Learnings and resources from our East and Southern Africa workshop

A wealth of knowledge emerged from our recent East and Southern Africa Regional Sharing and Learning Workshop on CLTS and Rural Sanitation in Arusha, Tanzania in April. We have so much we want to share with you – the workshop report, hunter gatherer reports, blogs, articles, photos and videos – that we are setting up a dedicated webpage in the next month. We will keep you posted on this.
But in the meantime here is a great blog providing an overview of the key themes and insights, as well as three short video interviews captured at the event with experts talking on the national sanitation campaign in Tanzania, developing a Beach and Island Sanitation Strategy in Kenya and institutional triggering in Uganda.

**CLTS Knowledge Hub updates from SACOSAN VII**

The seventh South Asian Conference on Sanitation (SACOSAN), a government led biennial convention, was held in Islamabad, Pakistan, April 10-14, 2018. The main formal outcome of the event was the Islamabad SAOCSAN-VII Declaration. As part of the conference CLTS Knowledge Hub members Jamie Myers and Robert Chambers presented a paper titled, *Timely, relevant and actionable feedback for stronger sanitation programmes*. In addition, ahead of the conference, the CLTS Knowledge Hub, UNICEF and WSSCC co-convened a half-day Sharing and Learning Workshop. Over 50 participants from across region including those working in Afghanistan, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka as well as international agencies participated. The workshop report can be found here.

**Transgender-inclusive sanitation: insights from South Asia**

This recently published article provides valuable insights from initiatives that include transgender people in sanitation programming in South Asia. Three case studies of recent actions to make sanitation inclusive for transgender people (in India and Nepal) are presented, accompanied by reflections and recommendations to guide future practice. Read more here.

**How does CLTS affect latrine ownership? A quantitative case study from Mozambique**

Community-led total sanitation (CLTS) is a widely used, community-based approach to tackle open defecation and its health-related problems. Although CLTS has been shown to be successful in previous studies, little is known about how it works. This study used a cross-sectional case study to identify personal, physical, and social context factors and psychosocial determinants from the Risks, Attitudes, Norms, Abilities, and Self-Regulation (RANAS) model of behaviour change, which are crucial for latrine ownership and analyse how participation in CLTS is associated with those determinants. Read about more about this report here.
An examination of CLTS’s contributions towards universal sanitation

This desk-review examines literature on community led total sanitation (CLTS), with the central objective of assessing the knowledge base on best practices and identifying evidence gaps to inform USAID’s Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Partnerships and Learning for Sustainability (WASHPaLS) project’s research agenda. The review offers a description of the CLTS intervention, tracing its evolution in theory and practice from Southeast Asia to its current place as a global phenomenon. It explores the open defecation free concept (including varying definitions from country to country) and analyses its strengths and weaknesses. It also highlights the disconnect between the independent monitoring and analysis of CLTS programme results on the one hand and internal performance reports released by implementing organisations or their donors on the other. Read more here.

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