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World Toilet Day Celebrations

As most of you know, the 19th November every year is World Toilet Day! A day to raise awareness of the fact that billions of people are still without adequate sanitation but also a day to celebrate achievements. We hope you all had a special day and that your activities were a great success.

On the website, we have some examples of the activities that others engaged in on World Toilet Day 2010. Participants at the Regional CLTS Sharing and Learning Workshop in Lusaka (see below) also marked World Toilet Day with some fun activities. Check out this little video we made

On the flickr photo gallery, we also have a World Toilet Day album. Send us pictures of your celebrations and we can add them there!

NEW CLTS on Twitter and Share this!

You can now follow CLTS on twitter! and it is now also possible to instantly share interesting items from the website with your colleagues or friends on Facebook, Twitter and other social networking sites via the Share this button!
Africa Regional Workshops

In November and early December, IDS co-convened two Regional Sharing and Learning Workshops in Africa. The events aimed to take stock of, and strengthen, CLTS practice in the Africa region. Participants took stock of the progress of CLTS in the two regions and discussed emerging challenges and questions, as well as solutions and ways forward. You can find out more about the Lusaka Workshop and the Bamako Workshop, view photos, read blogs, see who participated and look at outputs on the website.

A key output from the Zambia workshop was the Lusaka Declaration. Participants agreed on a series of statements and recommendations on issues key to the success and scale up with quality of CLTS. The hope is that this document can be given wide circulation. Its content is based on a wide range of experiences in different countries and relevant to the policies, programmes and projects of Governments, international agencies and NGOs.

Read the Lusaka Declaration

At the Mali workshop, participants produced a key statement on what works and what are traps to avoid when taking CLTS to scale. This will be available shortly on the Mali workshop page, together with the workshop report in French and English.

Hot off the press: PLA Notes 61

Tales of Shit: Community-led Total Sanitation in Africa

This special issue of PLA Notes, Participatory Learning and Action Notes Issue 61, guest-edited by Petra Bongartz, Samuel Musembi Musyoki, Angela Milligan and Holly Ashley draws on this growing body of experience with CLTS in Africa. Read the Tales of Shit: Community-Led Total Sanitation in Africa (PLA 61). Order a hardcopy here, download the full issue as a pdf or read individual chapters.

French version of Trainer’s Guide/ Faciliter Les Ateliers De Formation Sur Le Terrain Pour L’ATPC: Guide de formation des formateurs

Kamal’s Trainer’s Guide, published earlier this year by WSSCC, has now been translated into French: Faciliter Les Ateliers De Formation Sur Le Terrain Pour L’ATPC: Guide de formation des formateurs

Many thanks to WSSCC and UNICEF staff for collaborating on the translation and getting the guide ready in time for the francophone workshop in Mali.
**New videos**

A number of new videos on sanitation and CLTS in particular have been added to the site:

**NEW The World’s Toilet Crisis:** Vanguard correspondent Adam Yamaguchi travels to India, Singapore and Indonesia to understand why people don’t use toilets and what’s being done to end the practice of open defecation.

**NEW Interesting short documentary about informal sanitation entrepreneurs in Nairobi’s slums** which describes a similar situation to that found in Mathare 10, Nairobi, where Plan is doing an urban CLTS pilot.

**NEW India’s sanitation crisis**

Al Jazeera’s Prerna Suri reports from New Delhi about India’s huge sanitation problem.

**NEW UNICEF Supports Community-led Water and Sanitation Projects in Nigeria**

Short video on CLTS in Nigeria, focusing on the community activist Esther Etowa, Community Activist of the organisation WERI (Women Empowerment and Rights Initiative).

**NEW World Toilet Day video**

On World Toilet Day 19th November 2010, participants at the Regional CLTS Sharing and Learning Workshop in Lusaka produced a short video clip to mark the occasion.

*Watch this space: More videos showing CLTS in different countries will be added soon.*

**NEW Newsletter Archives**

If you missed an issue of the e-newsletter or have only just joined the mailing list, you can now read previous issues of the [CLTS newsletter online](#).

**New Materials by Country**

**GLOBAL**

**NEW Photos**

New photos have been added to the [CLTS gallery on flickr](#), including pictures from the Regional Sharing and Learning workshops and field visits in Zambia and Mali, SLTS in a girls’ school in Afghanistan and Training in Shanti Kunj in India.

**NEW The International Glossary of Shit** has been updated with more crude words! [Send us an email](#) to add new words in your own language!
Kenya

NEW Sammy Musyoki’s blog Piloting CLTS in an urban setting: Diary of progress in Mathare 10, Nairobi Kenya has been updated.

NEW UCLTS on Facebook
The Urban Community-led Total Sanitation group in Mathare is on Facebook. Why not have a look and see some pictures of the urban CLTS pilot there?

NEW Reflections from the visit to the urban CLTS project in Mathare
Philip Vincent Otieno reflects on the visit the urban CLTS pilot in Mathare 10 by participants of the workshop on SLTS and children in CLTS which took place in August 2010.

NEW World Toilet Day in Mathare
A short write by Fredrick Onguka up describing the activities conducted on the occasion of World Toilet Day in Mathare

Malawi

NEW S.H.I.T.S. Issue 7: July-Sept 2010
Latest instalment of the popular newsletter from Malawi, including the recent study on effectiveness and sustainability in TA Mkanda and 10 tips for effective facilitation.

Nigeria

NEW Improved health through CLTS
Short article in The Nigerian Observer, 30th November 2010, reporting that the health status of members of the Wurotara community of Dukku Local Government Area of Gombe State has improved due to the implementation of the Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) programme.

NEW 425 communities ‘open defecation free’ in Nigeria
Article in the People’s Daily, 10th November 2010.

ASIA and PACIFIC

India

NEW 82% rural India still lacks basic amenities
Article in the Times of India, 16th November 2010

CLTS and sanitation in the news

NEW Better sanitation could save 2 million lives a year
The news agency Reuters recognizes the magnitude of the sanitation problem.

NEW Diarrhoea: the killer we ignore at our peril
In her article in the Guardian Rose George maintains that the recent news coverage of cholera outbreaks overlooks a proportionately much larger problem: diarrhoea.
**Tips and tricks**

- **Can’t find what you are looking for?** Try to 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 [http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resources/latest](http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resources/latest).

- **Want to see what CLTS looks like in different countries?** Then have a look at the hundreds of photos of CLTS in action on the flickr CLTS page [http://www.flickr.com/photos/communityledtotalsanitation/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/communityledtotalsanitation/). A slideshow of the pictures is also on the CLTS website [http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/page/clts-photos](http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/page/clts-photos).

- **Tell it like it is!** CLTS always uses the crude word for shit in the local language. This may be shocking but makes the point that open defecation really is SHIT! Find out what others call it by consulting the **International Glossary of Shit** [http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/international-glossary-shit](http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/international-glossary-shit).

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- **Want to know what’s been added to the site since your last visit?** The **five most recent posts** show up on the home page [www.communityledtotalsanitation.org](http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org).

- **Country pages:** If you visit the **Where** pages, you can see just how far CLTS has spread. Zoom in on the map to look at a continent or region or visit the pages of the country you are interested in [http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/where](http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/where).

- Some of the country pages are awaiting text for the **introductions and relevant resources**, so if your country page is still fairly empty, why not submit an article, a short write up or any existing materials you may have to tell others **what is happening with CLTS in your country?** If you are using CLTS but your country is not yet featured on the website, please get in touch so it can be added.

- **Languages** We welcome contributions in **languages other than English**. Currently, we have materials in French, Spanish, Portuguese, Hindi, Bengali, Chichewa, Lao, Chinese, Arabic and Nepali. We would like to see more documents in different languages on the website! If you would like to **translate** the Handbook or the new Guide *Facilitating Hands-On Training Workshops for Community-led Total Sanitation* into a different language, please get in touch!

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**AND FINALLY: Sharing and Learning from each other**

Do you have photos of CLTS in your country? Is there an article about CLTS in one of the local or national papers in your country? Has your organisation published a report about their CLTS programme? Do you think there are lessons that can be drawn from your experience of CLTS that would be useful for others? If so, we would like to hear from you. To continue making the CLTS website a comprehensive and valuable resource, please do contribute your own materials on CLTS, whether formal or informal, by emailing **P.Bongartz@ids.ac.uk** Is there a topic that you are interested in hearing more about, please suggest a special focus for forthcoming newsletters!

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*Many good wishes,*

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