Dear friends and colleagues

Welcome to the December 2009 CLTS Update.
We’ve recently completed some more work on the website, so please visit and make use of the new features, including an improved search function, a world map showing where CLTS has been introduced so far, a quick link to the CLTS Handbook and a list of the latest additions on the home page. More info on all of these is included below. Please do contribute your own materials on CLTS, whether formal or informal, by emailing P.Bongartz@ids.ac.uk We always welcome feedback and suggestions on how to improve the site.

Want to check if anything new has gone up on the website since you last visited: the homepage now lists the five latest items that have been added, so you can quickly get the latest news: http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org

The home page now also gives you easy and direct access to the CLTS Handbook – just click on the link in the blue box on the right hand side http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org

Not quite sure how to find what you are looking for: Use the google search function in the top right hand corner of every page for a quick and easy key word search. Or browse materials by type or topic on the resources page http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resources/latest

And to get an idea of how much CLTS has spread, visit the Where pages and count the CLTS flags that are popping up all around the globe! http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/where You can zoom in and out of the map to look at a particular continent or region with the little tool in the top left hand corner of the map.

A number of new Country pages have been added, including Burkina Faso, Ghana, Lao, Mauritania, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Timor Leste and Vietnam. Some 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 or how your organisation is using CLTS. Similarly, if you are using CLTS but your country is not yet on the website, please get in touch so it can be added.

'Seeing is believing' You can find hundreds of photos of CLTS in action here http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/page/clts-photos New photos from Malawi, Cambodia and Kenya are now on the flickr CLTS page http://www.flickr.com/photos/communityledtotalsanitation/ and all photos can be viewed in a slideshow on the CLTS website.

Want to know how to talk about shit in Kenya? Lost for words in Indonesia? Trying to 'call a spade a spade' in Sweden? Consult the International Glossary of Shit http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/international-glossary-shit
And make sure you send us your own additions!
Resources
More than 20 new items have been added to the site since the last newsletter!

NEW Practical Guide to Triggering Community-Led Total Sanitation in Lao

NEW The handbook is now also available in Hindi and Bengali.
http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/handbook-community-led-total-sanitation
We are adding more and more translations of the Handbook. An Arabic version is also currently being planned. If you are interested in translating the handbook into your language, too, please get in touch!

NEW Sustainability and equity aspects of total sanitation programmes: A study of recent WaterAid-supported programmes in three countries (WaterAid, 2009)
Read the global synthesis report as well as the country-specific studies of the recent WaterAid study which posed the hypothesis that ‘Achieving Open Defecation Free (ODF) Status is a necessary but not sufficient condition for the entire community to use and maintain hygienic latrines in the long-term.’

ASIA

NEW Learning at scale: Total Sanitation and Sanitation Marketing Project, Indonesia Country Update (WSP, June 2009)
http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/learning-scale-total-sanitation-and-sanitation-marketing-project-indonesia-country-update
Update on the progress of the TSSM project in Indonesia, which aims to generate sanitation demand (through CLTS) and increase the supply of sanitation products and services at scale (through sanitation marketing).

NEW Sanitation demand and supply in Cambodia: Identifying Constraints to Increasing Sanitation Coverage (WSP, October 2008)
This WSP Fieldnote looks at both the demand and supply side for sanitation in rural and peri-urban areas of Cambodia. It discusses interventions that can increase demand for latrines as well as stimulate the market to manage the supply side.

NEW Regional Workshop on CLTS in the South East Asia and Pacific Region
Read a short write-up of this recent workshop in Phnom Penh, where almost 60 participants from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Timor Leste and Vietnam came together to share and learn. You can also listen to participants’ reflections on the workshop and key challenges for CLTS. The full workshop report will be added soon.

NEW Promoting Collective Action Towards Total Sanitation (Process Documentation) (Care Nepal, July 2009)
This document shares learning from the Community Support (Asha) Program of Care Nepal, capturing the process adopted in CLTS, its achievements and lessons around best practices.

NEW CLTS in the Lao PDR
http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/clts-lao-pdr
Overview of CLTS in Lao to date: who are the key players, what is being done and what are plans for the future.

NEW CLTS: Go beyond triggering - Pilot Programme Review (SNV and Concern Worldwide)
Review of the CLTS pilot programme in the north east of Laos.
NEW Workshop for Scaling-Up Community-Led Approaches on Sanitation for Policy Makers and Programme Managers, Nainital, India
Short report from the workshop which took place at the Uttarakhand Academy of Administration, Nainital in September 2009.

NEW In India, New Seat of Power for Women: Prospective Brides Demand Sought-After Commodity: A Toilet
‘No Toilet, No Bride’ is spreading as a slogan among young women in rural India who refuse to say ‘I do’ if their prospective husband cannot offer them a loo!

NEW Report from CLTS training for Internally Displace Persons (IDPs) in Pakistan
Report on seven trainings carried out by UNICEF Peshawar and IRSP in two camps for internally displaced persons in Nawshehra and Peshawar.

NEW Nepal country page introduction
http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/country/nepal
Thank you to WaterAid Nepal for sending an updated introduction for the Nepal country page.

AFRICA

NEW Towards total sanitation: Socio-cultural barriers and triggers to total sanitation in West Africa (WaterAid, 2009)
Results from a recent WaterAid study on open defecation in rural communities in Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali, and Nigeria and the cultural values that reinforce this practise.

NEW The World Toilet Day - Let’s Talk About Sh!T (Nairobi Star, 19th November 2009)
http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/world-toilet-day-let-s-talk-about-sht
Plan Kenya’s CLTS team wrote a Letter to the Editor for World Toilet Day, drawing attention to the issues of sanitation, handwashing and hygiene in Kenya.

NEW The Sh!t Fire burns on in Kenya (Plan Kenya)
http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/sht-fire-burns-kenya
On World Toilet Day, Kilifi district had many reasons to celebrate – this district is fast becoming a success story of CLTS in Kenya and a useful learning centre for others.

NEW When a small community celebrates World Toilet Day (WaterAid, Burkina Faso)
http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/when-small-community-celebrates-world-toilet-day
Learn how a small community in Burkina Faso decided to stop open defecation on World Toilet Day 2009. (in English and French)

NEW S.H.I.T.S.: Sharing Highlights in Total Sanitation No 3 (EWB, September 2009)
http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/shits-sharing-highlights-total-sanitation
Third installment of the newsletter put together by Ashley Raeside of Engineers Without Borders, Canada, which encourages sharing and learning between those involved in CLTS in Malawi.

NEW Programme Overview: CLTS in Mchinji District, Malawi
http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/programme-overview-clts-mchinji-district
Summary of CLTS activities in Mchinji District.

NEW A CLTS Task Force for T/A Mkanda, Malawi
Learn how extension workers in Mchinji District decided to support and monitor progress in triggered villages.

NEW L'Assainissement Total Piloté par la Communauté (ATPC) en Mauritanie
Short overview of CLTS in Rosso, Mauritania (in French).

NEW How to save the world with sanitation (Rose George, Huffington Post, 27th October 2009)
http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/how-save-world-sanitation
Read about CLTS in Mozambique in this news article which also illustrates the triggering process very well.

NEW Papers on CLTS from the West Africa Regional Sanitation and Hygiene Symposium, 3-5 November 2009, Accra, Ghana
A number of the papers and presentations shared at this recent event focused on CLTS- learn about what’s been happening in Cameroon, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Mauritania and Sierra Leone.

NEWS
As you will have read in the brief update sent out on the 19th November, we had several special features to mark World Toilet Day on the website
NEW World Toilet Day: What would you do without a loo?
http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/story/world-toilet-day-what-would-you-do-without-loo

NEW The Big Squat http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/story/big-squat
On World Toilet Day, the World Toilet Organisation asked people around the world to bend their knees to raise awareness of the dire sanitation situation in many developing countries around the world.

NEW AMCOW AfricaSan Awards 2009: Chief Macha from Zambia receives top honour for leadership
Chief Macha from Zambia received the AfricaSan Award for leadership for proactively promoting improved sanitation in his own kingdom as well as more widely during the 2nd Africa Water Week which took place from the 9th to the 13th November in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Many good wishes,
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