Welcome to the February 2010 CLTS Update.
A very happy new year to you all – this is the first newsletter of the year! Welcome to all those who have recently joined the mailing list- there are now almost 1,000 people on the list- a testimony to the ever growing interest in CLTS and the very active, vibrant CLTS community of practitioners that is linked via the website and the mailing list.

The value of sharing and learning from each other and the importance and pleasure of interacting with each other was once again confirmed when a small group of practitioners came together in Kenya at the end of January. We worked on articles for the next issue of PLA Notes which will focus on the topic of CLTS in Africa. The publication, which is free to subscribers in the global South (visit http://www.planotes.org/subscribe.html to subscribe) will be out in June- so watch this space.

LatinoSan, the Latin American Conference on Sanitation, will be taking place in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil from 14th-18th March 2010. IDS will be there to hold a one day introductory workshop on CLTS on the 14th and a lunchtime session on the 16th. So if you are attending the conference and want to learn about CLTS or have experiences to share, please join us. To find out more, get in touch P.Bongartz@ids.ac.uk

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

The quick version
Want to know if anything new has gone up on the website since you last visited: the homepage lists the five latest items that have been added: http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org From the home page, you can directly access the CLTS Handbook – just click on the link in the blue box on the right hand side. If you would like a hardcopy of the handbook, please contact P.Bongartz@ids.ac.uk

Finding what you are looking for: You can either 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

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. 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.

'A picture is worth a thousand words!' so why not have a look at the hundreds of photos of CLTS in action? New photos from Madagascar, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone and Kenya are now on the flickr CLTS
And for a bit of fun, why not look at the International Glossary of Shit http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/international-glossary-shit? What is the crude word for shit in your language? Send us your additions for the glossary!

Resources
Since December, 20 new resources have been added!

One Pagers http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/node/288/ are a new easy way of sharing experience, learning and practical advice very quickly with others. They consist of short write-ups by practitioners of innovations, experiences and ways in which particular challenges have been overcome. Do you have an idea for a one-pager? Why not quickly write a note based on your own experience, using the format outlined on the website? So far, we have five one pagers on the site

NEW Triggering in schools in India http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/triggering-schools

NEW Triggering in Primary Schools in Indonesia http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/triggering-primary-schools-indonesia

NEW Creating Competition amongst Village Chiefs in India http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/creating-competition-among-village-chiefs-himachal-pradesh

NEW Vigilance by young girls and women: The Gandhian way of persuasion http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/vigilance-young-girls-and-women-gandhian-way-persuasion


ASIA and PACIFIC

NEW New country introduction for Timor Leste http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/country/timor-leste-east-timor

NEW Film on CLTS in East Garo Hills, District of Meghalaya, India http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/film-clts-east-garo-hills-district-meghalaya-india
A new film on CLTS in East Garo Hills is available for download from the Government of India’s website.

NEW CLTS Workshop in the hometown of Mahatama Gandhi (training report from Porbander) http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/clts-workshop-hometown-mahatma-gandhi
Short report and pictures from a Training of Trainers in Gujarat in December 2009.

AFRICA

NEW How Manera became the first ODF village in Homa Bay http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/how-manera-became-first-odf-village-homa-bay
Short account of how Manera community in Homa Bay Kenya overcame several major challenges and recently achieved ODF.

NEW Zambian TV drama series Banja incorporates CLTS storyline http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/zambian-tv-drama-series-incorporates-clts-storyline
This daily Zambian soap opera recognizes just what a hot topic sanitation really is and features CLTS in its storyline.

**NEW** New country introduction for Eritrea
http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/country/eritrea

**NEW** Tackling Open Defaecation in Muungano Village through the CLTS approach
http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/tackling-open-defecation-muungano-village-through-clts-approach
Case study of CLTS in Muungano village in Mvumi Dodoma by Joyce Ndesamburo, Advisor Governance WaSH, SNV Tanzania.

**NEW** S.H.I.T.S.: Sharing Highlights in Total Sanitation No 4 (EWB, October to December 2009)
http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/shits-sharing-highlights-total-sanitation
Fourth installment of the newsletter put together by Ashley Raeside of Engineers Without Borders, Canada, with a focus on tips for training and management.

**NEW** Triggering Community-led Solutions during times of Cholera, Practice Note #2 in the series ‘Building a CLTS Learning Community in Malawi’
An account of how a District Environmental Health Officer in Malawi adopted CLTS principles in his response to cholera outbreaks.

**NEW** Process Recorder Form
http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/process-recorder-form
Useful tool for health extension staff and others who are involved in triggering for ensuring that vital information is captured in the process.

**NEW** CLTS In Malawi – Progress To Date
Progress report on CLTS in Malawi.

**NEW** Knowledge, Skills & Attitudes for Excellent CLTS Facilitation
http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/knowledge-skills-and-attitudes-excellent-clts-facilitation
One page poster that summarises the key knowledge, skills, and attitudes that CLTS facilitators must possess to excel.

**NEW** What is BASIC versus IMPROVED sanitation in Malawi?
http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/what-basic-versus-improved-sanitation-malawi
One page poster that shows the key differences between BASIC and IMPROVED latrines, according to Malawi’s National Sanitation Policy (prepared 2008).

**NEW** UNICEF Sierra Leone WASH Report
http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/quarterly-wash-report-unicef-sierra-leone
Latest instalment (October to December 2009) of UNICEF’s quarterly newsletter, with a special report on the training of natural leaders.

**NEW** Hygiene Education for a village in Mali
http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/resource/hygiene-education-village-mali
The village of Fadieda was one of 15 villages selected by UNICEF and the Ministry of Environment and Sanitation to change the way it approaches sanitation. Read more and watch a short film about how Fadieda used a community-led approach to sanitation.

**NEWS**

**NEW** The International African Water and Sanitation Congress
is taking place in Kampala, Uganda from the 15th to 18th March 2010. The conference’s focus is on Water and sanitation: what perspectives facing energy challenges and climate change?
NEW LatinoSan, the second Latin American Conference on Sanitation [http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/story/latinosan-2010](http://www.communityledtotalsanitation.org/story/latinosan-2010) will be held in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil from the 14th to 18th March. IDS is hosting an Introduction to CLTS event on the 14th March and a lunchtime session on the 16th March as part of the conference activities. Spread the word to anyone who may be interested in attending and get in touch with us if you are attending LatinoSan.

Many good wishes,

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