

COMMUNITY-LED TOTAL SANITATION & SANITATION MARKETING PROJECT, Ethiopia, Feb. 2014

In February 2014, the most common sanitation and hygiene activities of Plan International Ethiopia (PIE) were CLTS ToT trainings to promote urban sanitation, community progress monitoring, review meetings, verifications and ODF celebrations.

Though urban sanitation and hygiene promotion is a recent phenomenon in PIE, it has now engaged aggressively in the promotion of the same in five towns: Adama, Ziway, Mojo and Arsi Negle Towns of Oromia Program Area and Hawassa in Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples Region, SNNPR, Program Area. In order to facilitate communities, PIE gave CLTS hands on training to 27 Health Extension Workers, who came from the first four towns, from March 24-28, 2014. The training was composed of both theoretical and practical community facilitation, where the practical field exercise took place at Adama Town, followed by discussion on the field practice and action plan development.

This is an NLNO funded project called *Research Oriented Sanitation Services in Adama (ROSSA) and Sustainable Sanitation in Peri-urban Areas (SPA)*.



Trainees practising community facilitation, AdamaTown

On a similar development, a TOT training was given to health and education officers of Oromia Region, on school hygiene and sanitation. PIE, in collaboration with Oromia Education and Health Bureaus gave the training from March 31-April 4, 2014 at Adama Town. The objective of the training was to build the capacity of Zonal and Woreda level school hygiene and sanitation actors of the Region. This will help promote school hygiene and sanitation at Kebele levels. The training was attended by 41 trainees, who came from 5 Zones and 9 Woredas.



Training participants, on group photo

Community triggering, monitoring and review meetings

In Seka Chekorsa District, Oromia PA, community triggering was conducted in two Kebeles, Gudo Daka and Komo Hari kebeles, and four primary schools, found in the same Kebeles. In sum, 2,256 people attended the triggering; in the same schools, 11 school led total sanitation clubs were established.

Monitoring was a common activity in all CLTS implementing PAs of PIE. The SNNPR PA conducted monitoring in 5 CLTS implementation rural districts and in 20 urban slums of Hawassa Town. Similarly, post triggering and post ODF monitoring and follow ups were carried out in three Kebeles of Amhara PA and post triggering

monitoring in all triggered communities of Oromia PA.

While review meetings were organized for three districts of Oromia PA: Tiro Afeta, Seka Chekorsa, and Mana Districts. The review meeting focused on the need for collaboration and networking, fixing ODF dates and realizing planned activities. In Seka Chekora, verification training was also given to 18 data collectors who will gather verification data from communities.

To expand the promotion of sanitation in PIE working districts, the CLTS Team of the Organization has collected water and sanitation data in 9 districts in order to develop a concept note.

Another important development in sanitation and hygiene promotion of PIE is communities' declaration of ODF status. In Tigray Region, PIE promotes sanitation and hygiene in seven districts where Raya Azebo is one of them. In Raya Azebo District, located Southern Zone of Tigray, community triggering took place from September 2013 to Nov.2013. From the triggered Kebeles, 9 of them achieved an ODF status in February 2014 alone.



Villagers marching to ODF celebration center

Community facilitation works had been carried out by Woreda Health CLTS Team, who were trained in the use of CLTS approach, by PIE.

The declaration of ODF status in 9 Kebeles benefited 10,800 households or a total of 54,000 people to have access to sanitation and hygiene services.



Household latrine, with hand washing facilities

At the CO level, the National CLTS Coordinators facilitated the recruitment of CLTSH Coordinator, facilitated and monitored urban CLTS development at Adama and Hawassa, participated and presented PIE urban CLTS experiences at Lusaka Annual Review meeting and Regional Learning Workshop, developed post triggering guideline for UNICEF supported project districts, etc.