

**Welcome to the first edition of the CLTS Newsletter in 2014.**

We here at the CLTS Knowledge Hub wish you a very happy healthy new year and hope that all your efforts to improve sanitation are successful. We hope that we can find new and better ways of working together and staying in touch to maximise learning and assist in the widespread understanding of how CLTS can be scaled up with quality and sustainability. So please be in touch with your news and materials that can be shared via the website. You are welcome to share your experiences and learning in the form of

- short informal write ups,
- blogs,
- practical tools manuals, handbooks and guidelines that you or your organisation have produced,
- CLTS related videos,
- workshop, conference and training reports,
- notifications of relevant events
- research and small studies
- stories of success, challenges, failures and innovations

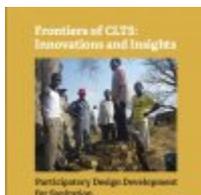
Please take a moment to look at the page of the country you are working in under the [Where section](#). If the information provided in the country summary is out of date, please [contact us](#) so that together we can bring it up to date.

We look forward to hearing from you and look forward to working together this year.

Many good wishes from the CLTS Knowledge Hub Team (Petra, Robert and Naomi)

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**New publication series- Frontiers of CLTS: Innovations and Insights**



The CLTS Knowledge Hub at IDS launched a new publication series on World Toilet Day, 19th November 2014. [Frontiers of CLTS: Innovations and Insights](#) is a series of short notes offering practical guidance on new methods and approaches and thinking on broader issues.

*La CLTS Knowledge Hub sur IDS a lancé une nouvelle série de publications, Aux Frontières de l'ATPC : [Innovations et Impressions](#) sur le World Toilet Day 19th Novembre 2013. Ce sera une série de notes courtes qui offrent des conseils pratiques sur les nouvelles méthodes et approches et de réflexion sur les grandes questions.*

The first two issues are out now in English and French. *Les deux premiers numéros*

*sont disponibles en anglais et en français.*

[Issue 1: Participatory Design Development for Sanitation](#)

[Numéro 1: Développement d'un concept participatif pour l'assainissement](#)

[Issue 2: How to Trigger for Handwashing with Soap](#)

[Numéro 2: Comment déclencher le lavage des mains avec du savon](#)

We welcome feedback and suggestions for future issues. Please [contact us](#) with your ideas and comments.

There are plans to translate the series into Portuguese in due course.

### **Regional Learning event on scaling up sanitation and hygiene for East Asia and Pacific**



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The event's agenda included discussion on the following:

- Operational implications for reaching the poor and vulnerable
- Sanitation and ODF Monitoring – learnings from the global and local level
- Capacity building at-scale including business development and Rural Sanitation and Hygiene

You can [read this report](#) by Sue Cavill to find out more about the discussions and outcomes of the meeting. Sue also blogged from the event and you may find the following blogs of interest:

[Reaching the poor and vulnerable](#)

[Tipping the scale: ODF monitoring and sector capacity](#)

[Always Learning](#)

### **New on the blog**

[Always learning](#)



We began the day reviewing the institutional factors that are key for scaling up capacity building, amongst which are government commitment and support to creating an enabling environment as well as partnerships between the stakeholders. In their country groups, participants discussed practical steps for capacity building at scale what was new for them from the previous day's discussion as well as what is relevant to their contexts and what they would still like to know more about.

### [Reaching the poor and vulnerable: reporting from the East Asia and Pacific Regional Learning event](#)



Today was the start of a three day Regional Learning event in Thailand on scaling up sanitation and hygiene for East Asia and Pacific, jointly organised by WSP, UNICEF, Plan International and WaterAid. Attending are over 60 participants from 8 countries in the region (PNG, Timor Leste, Vietnam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Philippines).

### [Tipping the scale: ODF monitoring and sector capacity](#)



Yesterday we heard how countries across the region are showing potential for scaling up through expanding successful pilot programmes, forming alliances to deliver WASH programmes, adding sanitation and hygiene initiatives to existing programmes as well as implementing at a larger scale. Today we discussed two particular aspects of sanitation and hygiene programmes that will make universal access more likely: ODF monitoring and sufficient capacity within the sector.

### **News and resources by country**

## **Cambodia**

### **[Growing Tall and Smart with Toilets: Stopping Open Defecation Improves Children's Height in Cambodia](#)**

A new research brief from the Water and Sanitation Program (WSP), *Investing in the Next Generation: Growing Tall and Smart with Toilets*, examines how the level of open defecation in a community is associated with shorter children in Cambodia. Key findings highlighted in the research brief are that open defecation is associated with greater stunting at every age, and that it is associated with greater stunting even when the household itself does not openly defecate.

## **India**

### **[An untold story of policy failure: the Total Sanitation Campaign in India](#)**

The Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) was a community-led, people-centred, demand-driven and incentive-based programme ideal to address India's rural sanitation crisis, or so it seemed. But policy failed to translate into practice and outcomes were remarkably poor. In the 2011 census data showed 31% sanitation coverage in 2011 (up from 22% in 2001), far from the 68% reported by the Government. The decade has witnessed progress slowing down and the number of rural households without latrines increasing by 8.3 million.

### **[Improved Use of Toilets Boosts Childhood Test Scores, Decreases Stunting](#)**

Access to improved sanitation can increase cognition in children, according to a new World Bank study. The study contributes to a growing body of research linking stunting and open defecation. Currently, more than 2.5 billion people worldwide lack access to toilets, and one billion people practice open defecation.

## **Nepal**

### **[Culture Clash: Menstruation taboos and ODF in Nepal](#)**

Many Nepalese women face a discriminatory practice during their menstruation, popularly known as *Chhaupadi* practice. In the Far-West, adolescent girls and women are confined in a small hut ('chhau hut') or livestock quarters, as they are considered impure.

### **[A radical approach is changing Nepal's public sanitation](#)**

For several months last year, Pramala Balami, 14, went out every morning with a group of other children in her village, looking for people defecating in the open. The Children's Club in the Chitlang Village Development Committee in Makwanpur district in Nepal was one of the groups mobilized by local authorities in their drive to make their area an open-defecation-free zone.

### **[Children lead Nepal's drive against open-air defecation](#)**

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## **Nigeria**

### **[Osun RUWESA boss campaigns against open defecation](#)**

The Project Manager of the Osun Rural Water Environmental Sanitation Agency (RUWESA) Alhaji Posi Adiatu, has enjoined people of Osun State to join hands with the wife of the state governor, who is also the Ambassador of Community-Led Total Sanitation, Alhaja Serifat Abidemi Aregbesola, in ensuring that open defecation is totally eradicated in the state, as she would not relent in putting efforts to collaborate with the private sector, foreign agencies, government and non-government agencies willing to work with the CLTS programme in the state.

### **[80 new communities free from open defecation \(Nigeria\)](#)**

ABOUT 80 communities have stopped the practice of open defecation through the Sustainable Total Sanitation Programme(STS), a project sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. A WaterAid Programme Support Manager for Jigawa State, Miss Mimi Ishan, made this known to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), in Abuja. NAN recalled that WaterAid, a non-government organisation (NGO), is the implementing organisation of the 6.6 million- dollar (N936m) STS programme launched in 2012.

## **Pakistan**

### **[Sanitation goals](#)**

Pakistan faces a crisis that threatens the lives of millions of Pakistanis every year. It is also a crisis which in its resolution offers the potential for increased wealth, health and dignity for the whole country.

This crisis is about access to water and, in particular, sanitation, the most basic of daily human needs, human rights recognised in international conventions to which Pakistan is a signatory. However, they are still out of reach for many ordinary Pakistanis.

## **Solomon Islands**

### **[CLTS is theme for Commonwealth Queens Baton Relay in Solomon Islands](#)**

World Vision helped to kick off the Commonwealth Queens Baton relay in the capital of Solomon Islands, yesterday together with UNICEF. The Honiara leg of the relay began outside of the capital at Kakabona beach where a number of children from a World Vision Area Program community, Lord Howe community, gathered together to sing with World Vision staff about improving health and sanitation around Honiara. Following the performance the children passed the baton over to officials and the relay commenced.

## **Zambia**

### [Build latrines or face eviction](#)

A traditional leader in Serenje District has given his subjects a one-week ultimatum to build pit latrines or face eviction from his chiefdom. Chief Kabamba of the Lala people in Central Province has warned that he will evict some 300 families from his chiefdom unless they dig pit latrines by November 29 this year. The traditional leader's seven-day ultimatum to construct pit latrines in the villages is in a bid to enhance sanitation in his chiefdom.

### [Monze's sanitation drive praised by national advisor](#)

Community-Led Total Sanitation national legal advisor Michael Musenga says strong political commitment and a focused policy framework coupled with a reliable supply chain for both building and maintaining affordable latrines will help end open defecation. In an interview, Musenga said effective public education and enforcement of public health laws for urban sanitation would be needed for people to understand the hazards of open defecation and insanitary conditions so that together, success could be achieved towards the drive to making Zambia ODF by 2015.

### **Other news and resources**

#### [Report from SACOSAN V Conference](#)



The fifth South Asian Conference on Sanitation –SACOSAN V– took place in late October 2013 in Kathmandu, Nepal. During four days, 400 delegates from all over the world, though the vast majority from South Asia, had the opportunity to , exchange experiences, learn and network around sanitation. CLTS was also present at SACOSAN V, and not only for being mentioned in some of the conference presentations.

#### [Scaling-up Sanitation and Hygiene in East Asia and Pacific: Report from the Regional Sanitation Learning Event in Bangkok \(December 2013\)](#)



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### [Flushed with success: World Toilet Day](#)

Al Jazeera assesses worldwide progress in boosting access to improved sanitation. For World Toilet Day, Al Jazeera put together key facts and figures about the global sanitation situation in this [infographic](#).

Al Jazeera, 19th November 2013

### [Online WASH Cost Training](#)

WASHCost was a five-year action research program implemented by the International Water and Sanitation Centre IRC in the Hague ([www.irc.nl](http://www.irc.nl)). WASHCost ran from 2008 to 2012 and explored issues and collected data related to the true costs of providing water, sanitation, and hygiene services for the entire life-cycle of a service - from implementation all the way to service delivery. WASHCost provides both face-to-face and online training on the use of the life-cycle costs approach. Since 2011, WASHCost has been providing trainings to a number of large sector based initiatives.

### [Reaching the Unreached: Listening to South Asian voices on Equity and Inclusion in WASH](#)

The video draws on the perspectives of those whose voices are often not heard, such as the disabled, children, the elderly, the very poor and other excluded groups to highlight some of the complex factors concerning equitable access to sanitation and hygiene in the region. With the aid of specific examples from Nepal, India and Pakistan the video analyses barriers to access through the lens of socio-cultural, economic, political, geographic, environmental and administrative factors.

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