Ecosan Capacity Development Workshop





Is CLTS relevant in Africa?

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What is CLTS?

- It is Community Led Total Sanitation.
- It's an approach of empowering local communities to stop open defecation.
- Communities are "triggered" through a process led by trained CLTS facilitators which enables them to see, and feel the negative aspects of open defecation.
- It employs use of PRA tools to enable local communities to analyze their sanitation profile and collectively internalize the terrible impact of OD and take appropriate action.
- It encourages a non-subsidy approach to latrine construction.

Why CLTS in Africa?

- Previous sanitation approaches not effective.(PHAST, subsidy)
- high prevalence of open defecation
- Supports Plan's focus on low cost high impact strategy.
- Reduce the disease burden that is water &sanitation related.
- To support attainment of MDG goals

CLTS IN OVER 20 COUNTRIES IN AFRICA

- Burkina Faso
- Chad
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Mali
- Nigeria
- Zambia
- Angola

- Gambia
- Malawi
- Eritrea
- Cameroon
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Sudan
- Sierra Leone

SIERRA LEONE CASE STUDY

- The country is struggling to recover from effects of civil war
- Basic infrastructure destroyed including WATSAN services
- 57% of child mortality is watsan related.
- 27% of pop practice open defecation
- CLTS introduced in 2008 and championed by UNICEF, DFID & Govt.
- Triggering done in over 800 villages
- Over 170 have since been declared ODF

ZAMBIA CASE STUDY

- 2/3 of the pop live below poverty line
- Under 5 mortality is one of the highest in the world (182/1000)
- 22% of the pop. Practice open defecation
- CLTS introduced in 2007 and championed by Plan, UNICEF and Govt.
- An increase from 38% to 93% within one year in 517 villages.
- 402 villages declared ODF

KENYAN SITUATION

- CLTS introduced in 2007
- Estimated that abt 50% of pop. practice OD.
- Key organizations-Plan, UNICEF,GOK
- CLTS active-Kilifi, Homabay, Busia, Turkana, Kajiado, Kisumu, Siaya, Garissa.
- Over 260 villages triggered
- First ODF Village-Jaribuni
- 113 villages certified ODF
- Over 80,000 families able to access better sanitation facilities

LESSONS LEARNT

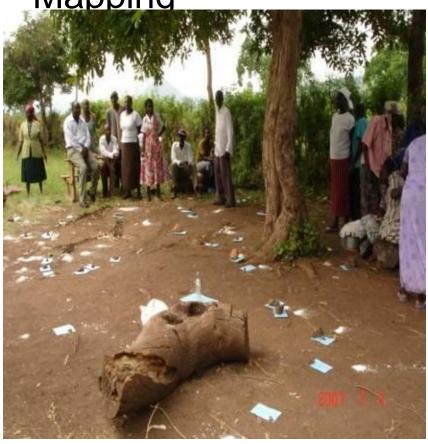
- Start small then gradually scale up
- Start with villages with favourable conditions
- Involve all stakeholders-Govt, NGOs, CBOs, FBOs
- Work with opinion leaders e.g traditional chiefs
- When CLTS gains momentum it may spread without systematic trigger
- ODF celebratn helps trigger other villages
- Communities are able to construct latrines without subsidies
- Once persuaded of benefits govts. have adopted approach.
- CLTS has potential to support quicker realization of MDG goals on sanitation.

Challenges

- Sustaining the momentum by the community after CLTS triggering/ODF
- High water tables/collapsible soils requiring special latrine technology out of reach to the community.
- Conflicting approaches by different agencies in the sanitation sector.
- Seasonality and its effect on community participation in CLTS
- Dependency syndrome in the community emanating from previous approaches.
- Urban slum dynamics affecting CLTS implementation.
- Facilitation-not all trained find it easy to take up the challenge.

CLTS TRIGGER IN ACTION

Mapping



Transect walk



CLTS TRIGGER-KILIFI COUNTY

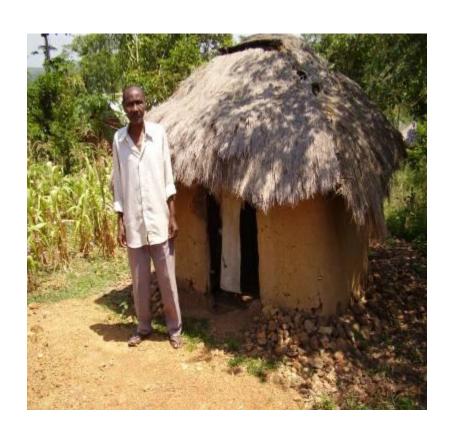
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Mapping



Pit digging after CLTS trigger







 Mzee Orwa outside his completed latrine





Action after CLTS trigger

• Mr. Chalre in hbay county





Latrines made from locally available materials Kilifi county





Latrine construction done according to one's resources

Homabay County





Latrine inspection during ODF celebration



Villagers displaying certificates during ODF celebtn



Song and dance during ODF celebrtn



Way forward envisaged: Transition from open defecation bushes to cultivation fields/farms





Thank you and any questions?

