

CLTS NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE (NSC)

First Meeting

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Ministry of Health & Social Welfare

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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OVERVIEW: PURPOSE, COMPOSITION, RESPONSIBILITIES

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Background: What is CLTS?

- Community-Led Total Sanitation
- One of the international methodologies for rural sanitation
- Innovative method in which communities take lead in analyzing own sanitation situation; through disgust and shame, communities take corrective action
- Natural leaders and consistent monitoring help bring communities to “Open Defecation Free” status
- No-subsidy approach
- Used as an entry point for community development

Background: History of CLTS in Liberia

- April 2009: CLTS introduced in Liberia
- 2011: Re-engineering to regain focus
- Since 2011, included in key policies and plans
 - Division of Environmental and Occupational Health (DEOH) Five-Year Strategic Plan (December 2011)
 - WASH Sector Strategic Plan (SSP) (December 2011)
- 2011/12: National Technical Coordinating Unit (NTCU) established
- December 2012: *Guidelines for CLTS Implementation in Liberia* released
- CLTS has been introduced in several counties; biggest supporters so far: USAID-funded IWAH (CHF/PSI) and UNICEF (through local partners)

Purpose

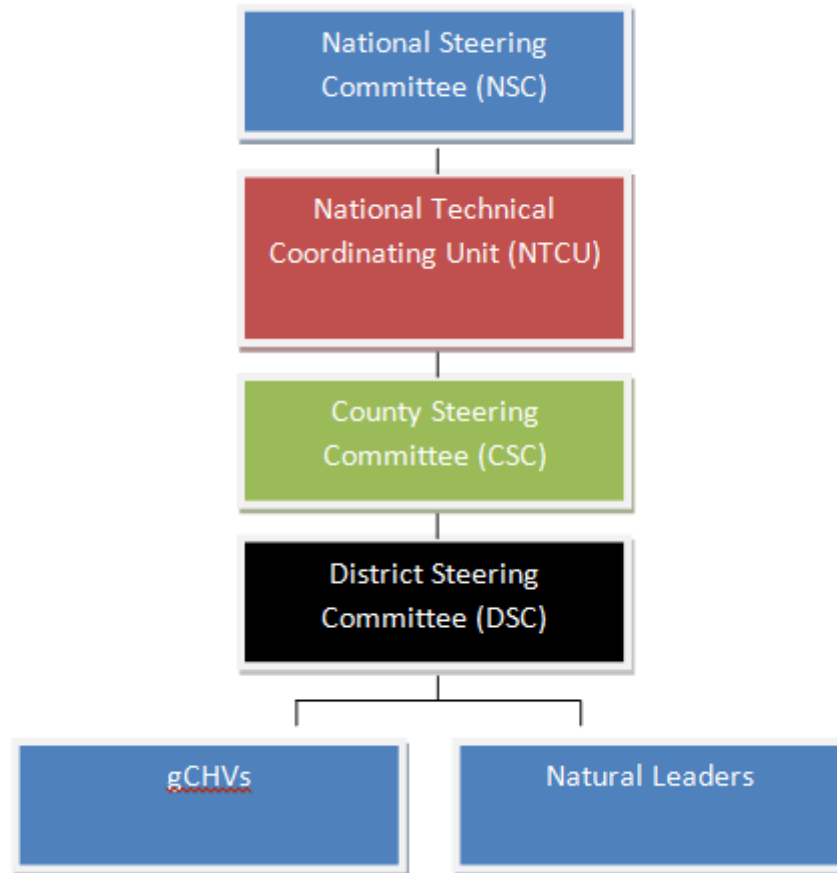
- NSC is the highest decision-making body in the country meant to
 - provide strategic guidance to the program, advocate for resources
 - facilitate inter-ministerial dialogue and interact with donors

NSC Composition

- Chair - Ministry of Health & Social Welfare
- Co-Chair - Ministry of Public Works
- Members:
 - Ministry of Internal Affairs
 - Ministry of Education
 - Ministry of Information
 - Ministry of Agriculture
 - Ministry of Planning & Economic Affairs
 - Monrovia City Corporation
 - Civil Society Organizations
 - Donors

CLTS Management Structure

Figure 1. Structure of National CLTS Management in Liberia



Responsibilities

1. Mobilize resources for CLTS scale-up in Liberia;
2. Ensure the effective implementation of CLTS strategy in keeping with these guidelines and the *Handbook on CLTS* by Kamal Kar;
3. Regulate the process of triggering, monitoring of ODF verification, declaration and certification;
4. Standardize and regulate training procedures and content for national partners;
5. Ensure documentation and sharing of CLTS best practices and lessons learnt, for policy decision-making and replication in other countries;
6. Ensure the establishment and regular update of a CLTS database;
7. Commission a national CLTS research initiative to determine the status in country; and
8. Meet once a month, or more often in case of emergency.

SETTING PRIORITIES FOR 2013/14

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NTCU Annual Work Plan 2013/14

- Outlines NTCU goal, objective and intended results for CLTS
- Clarifies NTCU structure through organigram and job descriptions
- Identifies NTCU staff
- Summarizes partner plans for training, triggering and ODF

Priorities

- Clarify and increase number of staff dedicated to CLTS – MOHSW & MPW
- Increase resources (especially gov't)
- Develop scale-up strategy, with emphasis on which methodologies follow CLTS
- Set up certification system
- Establish computer-based database

Way Forward

- Agree on meeting schedule (All)
- Email minutes to participants (DEOH)
- Post minutes on WASH Liberia website (DEOH)
- Provide summary at next national CLTS Coordination meeting (NTCU)
- Revise NSC responsibilities by email (DEOH)
- Communicate with NTCU and ask for deliverables (all due to NSC by 7 Oct):
 - Finalized Annual Work Plan
 - Numbers for triggering and ODF
 - Template for computer-based database and required resources (staffing, hardware, etc.)