

CLTS Monthly Coordination Meeting

16 October 2013, 2PM
(rescheduled from 10 October)

National Technical Coordinating Unit (NTCU) for CLTS, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, Old Ministry of Health & Social Welfare (basement), Capitol Bye-Pass, Monrovia, Liberia

Attendance: Montserrado CHT, MOHSW, USAID, OICI, Wateraid, WASH Consortium, NTCU, CHF

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Status Update on Action Points
3. Overview of NSC Meeting
4. Update on Information Management with AKVO FLOW
5. Updates from Partners
6. AOB

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Status Updates on Action Points

- Prepare overview of NSC meeting (NTCU)
COMPLETE – Meeting took place on 27 September; minutes on WASH Liberia website
- Develop CLTS work plan (NTCU/ Jallah) with meeting at 10AM on 13 Sep at CHF Office
COMPLETE – NTCU work plan is now being implemented and may be updated throughout year; can be viewed at MOHSW
- Share written docs on NL network (CHF)
INCOMPLETE – will be shared at a later date
- Invite stakeholders to participate in technical working group on revision of national CLTS Guidelines (NTCU)
COMPLETE – email sent on 18 Sept with few responses but interested parties can sign up at this meeting. Urging partners to start documenting lessons learned.

Overview of NSC Meeting

- Assistant ministers were together (MOE, MOHSW), other representatives (City Cooperation, Environmental Health Director) & partners for the first time since the constitution of NSC. The priority areas on the agenda were capacity building for NTCU, commitment from government to have NTCU fully functional, CLTS guidelines and good practices/lessons learned from partners that are already implementing CLTS to form the revisions of the guidelines.
- They requested a detailed briefing and a presentation on the concept of CLTS. Meeting to be held for NSC as soon as documents shared with the minister. Feedback will be provided by email. The minutes from the meeting were circulated.
- Committed to meet regularly and engage other ministers to be part.

Update on Information Management with AKVO FLOW

- Update on the training held on CLTS forms for triggering and ODF verification
- Showed the forms briefly to OICI who would like training and update on this

Updates from Partners

- Opportunity Industrialisation Centres International (**OICI**), HANDS project – haven't started a WASH program but have approval from USAID and are hiring a WASH specialist. Community assessments to be completed in coming months. Want to learn about CLTS in the sector to see about implementation. Working in Grand Geddeh and River Gee counties – specialists will work alongside MOHSW and MPW.
- **LICH**: Montserrado, 5 communities. Progress is good towards ODF with dish racks & latrines constructed by communities. Training of Natural Leaders will be happening beginning tomorrow with NTCU and at the same time verification will be carried out.
- **Wateraid**: 3 counties. 15 communities in River Gee with pre-triggering and field staff have just started triggering, training natural leaders, WASH committees are set up. Awareness created by natural leaders has raised awareness and holes have started to be dug. Maryland has only had training of natural leaders so far but not started pre-triggering yet. Grand Kru has trained natural leaders and started pre triggering. NTCU - Not aware of Wateraid doing CLTS in Liberia and there is need to follow the procedures.
- **CHF/ PSI IWASH** – Review of the CLTS work and review of NL network. NL network is going well and want to work with them closely. NTCU did 20 verification of NL communities and 19 ODF. Participated in the national environmental health meeting. Natural Leaders participated in activities in

Handwashing day on 15 October. 36 of NL communities are requesting triggering. NL network – 26 trained in soap making. EHT is working with NLs to support them alongside CHF monitoring team. Managing to complete the NTCU forms. Going to pilot in peri-urban areas, 2 in each county.

- **Question:** how is government going to take it forward after the completion of CHF? There has been ownership been given to local chiefs & EHTs. Other projects need to keep learning from IWASH leadership in this.

AOB

- CLTS guidelines were prepared before practice had been started. Therefore the guidelines now need updating based on feedback and experiences.
- All members to share **documented** lessons learned and experiences

Action Points

- **Wateraid** need to complete the application form and request for training with CLTS. Then there needs to be regular reporting towards to NTCU and need to link with the national coordinating body.
- **Concern** to attend the next NTCU meeting and give an update on their progress with CLTS.
- Request from **USAID** to see the hygiene promotion guidelines
- **CHF** - Share written docs on NL network

NEXT MEETING: THURS, 14 NOV 2013, 2PM