

CLTS Monthly Coordination Meeting

21 November 2013, 2PM
(rescheduled from 14 November)

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: 11

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Status Update on Action Points
3. Recap from Benin CLTS Workshop
4. Planning for 2nd NSC Meeting
5. Updates from Partners
6. AOB

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Status Updates on Action Points

- Submit application form and request training (WaterAid)
COMPLETE – awaiting NTCU response
- Attend the next NTCU meeting and give an update on progress (Concern)
INCOMPLETE – not present
- Send hygiene promotion guidelines to USAID (DEOH)
COMPLETE
- Share written docs on NL network (CHF)
COMPLETE – Benin workshop paper posted on IRC website:
<http://www.irc.nl/page/81849> and WASH Liberia website

Recap from Benin CLTS Workshop

- Regional conference in sustainable sanitation, highlighting CLTS
- 10 countries and over 70 participants
- 3 presentations from Liberia; 2 from USAID-funded IWASH on NLN and social marketing and 1 from MOHSW on NTCU
- Explored four main components of sanitation service: social/ cultural; financial; technical; and institutional

- Some lessons learned: other countries not sticking to a rigid CLTS model and there is room for some flexibility in Liberia as long as all partners use one approach; institutional bodies on CLTS could be expanded to sanitation; and Liberia should integrate CLTS/ sanitation in child survival
- Also explored how to engage the private sector and better methods for disposal of waste (e.g. link to agriculture sector with manure)
- Question: Are other countries doing NLN or something similar? No, but were very interested.
- See Liberia Note online at: <http://wash-liberia.org/publications-reports/> for more on lessons learned and an action plan for Liberia

Planning for 2nd NSC Meeting

- Assistant Minister-level body with oversight of NTCU
- Meeting to take place Wednesday, 27 November
- Agenda will include Presentation on NTCU from Benin Workshop and Review of NTCU AWP 2013/14 and Budget Request
- Action points from last meeting that need to be followed up on: Numbers for triggering and ODF and template for computer-based database and required resources (staffing, hardware, etc.)

Updates from Partners

- Living Water: 2/5 communities successful ODF
- LICH: working toward ODF, training NLs, looking for verification for 5 peri-urban communities by next week
- RIDA: 40 triggered in Grand Gedeh/ Gbao
- IWASH: in Oct/ Nov, triggered additional 44 communities with NLs; IWASH involved more heavily in 5 communities bc they were district seats (50-100 houses); facilitated Water Toilet Day – various activities (experience-sharing, looking at innovative latrine construction + soccer game) with CLTS reps from 3 counties and additional 5 from UNICEF
- LWC/ WaterAid: haven't started implementation but are in process of registration, planning with NTCU to set up CSCs; will need training
- Question: Who comprises CSC? It is a body made up of various ministries and agencies at county level; there is a focal person that goes into counties.
- Discussion around need for objectivity in verifying ODF; could explore leveraging NLN
- Discussion around human and financial constraints of NTCU; to be discussed at next NSC meeting

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NONE

Action Points

- Attend the next NTCU meeting and give an update on progress (Concern)
- Share all Benin documents via email and WASH Liberia website (MOHSW)
- Provide summary of 2nd NSC Meeting (MOHSW)
- Follow up with George on training needs from IWASH & LWC (NTCU)

NEXT MEETING: THURS, 12 DEC 2013, 2PM