



CLUES : Local Solutions for Sanitation Planning

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The Case Study of Nala, Nepal March 2013

The Community Led Urban Environmental Sanitation (CLUES) planning is an area-based planning approach that targets un/under-served urban communities. This approach focuses first on household decisions about service needs, and then moves out to consider the neighborhood, the town and its hinterland. The main aim of this approach is to solve problems where they occur rather than exporting them downstream (Lüthi et al, 2011).

As part of a global validation process, the CLUES planning approach was tested in Nala, a peri-urban settlement in the Kavre District in Nepal. The purpose of this intervention was to identify local challenges and assist in streamlining the planning approach in a local context while, at the same time, improving the environmental sanitation condition of the settlement. The CLUES planning process was executed in a series of participatory steps leading to the development of an integrated environmental sanitation improvement plan for Nala in 2009-10. Based on the planning document, the project's implementation took place in 2011/12.