

School-Led Total Sanitation (SLTS) places children at the centre of catalysing total sanitation in schools, homes and communities. Developed and implemented by UNICEF and the Government of Nepal since 2005, SLTS draws on success elements from a wide range of Community Approaches to Total Sanitation (CATS) to create a complete package of sanitation and hygiene programming that begins at the school and extends through the community. Through participatory approaches, motivational tools, flexibility for innovation and building ownership at the local level, SLTS is accelerating latrine coverage across Nepal, and creating a social movement for communities to become open-defecation free (ODF).

As of June 2009, SLTS had reached approximately 90,000 households and 500,000 people in 15 districts through 300 schools. Over 1,000 settlements in 10 districts have been declared ODF. Three districts are on their way to declaring district-wide total sanitation. Based on its success, SLTS has been incorporated in the Nepal Sanitation Master Plan, developed in 2009, and the Government of Nepal is replicating the SLTS programme in all 75 districts. Additionally, other countries including Sierra Leone and Pakistan are adopting the SLTS approach.

For a practitioner's guide to SLTS see *Guidelines on School Led Total Sanitation* from the Nepal Steering Committee for National Sanitation Action, Department of Water Supply and Sewerage and UNICEF, Nepal.