#### WASH, NUTRITION AND COMMUNITY-LED TOTAL SANITATION REVOLUTIONS IN INSIGHT AND ACTION

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#### Opening up the black box of undernutrition





#### The 5 As of Nutrition

#### **ORAL -FOOD**

AVAILABILITY

ACCESS

#### **ANAL - FTIs**

#### ABSORPTION

Evacuation – diarrhoeas

- Theft nematodes ascaris, hookworm (sucking blood), trichuris, tapeworms, giardia?
- Diminished, damaged and leaky gut-

ENVIRONMENTAL ENTEROPATHY

through bacterial infections etc

- ANTIBODIES to fight infections, using nutritional energy and proteins (immunologists please clarify)
- ALLOPATHOGENS other pathogens liverfluke, hepatitis A, B and E, typhoid fever, polio, trachoma, various zoonoses etc



#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ENTEROPATHY (EE)**





- EE has been epidemiologically linked to living in an **unsanitary** environment
- People living in contaminated environments have leaky, chronically inflamed intestines
- Gut: short blunted villi, tissue infiltrated with inflammatory cells. Associated with 个 energy, protein, carbohydrate needs
- Diverts nutrients from growth to infection fighting

Korpe & Petri, Trends in Molecular Medicine June 2012, Vol. 18, No. 6



#### What is stunting



Early PEM in childhood. Growth failure. The children in this picture were aged 2, 4 1/2 and 5 1/2 years from left to right. The first two are normal but the last is grossly retarded in growth although the weight/height ratio is normal and there is no evidence of clinical malnutrition. Stunting is the commonest evidence of chronic, mild PEM.



#### Effects of stunting on brain development



**Typical brain cells** Extensive branching Impaired brain cells Limited branching Abnormal, shorter branches

Source: Cordero E et al, 1993



#### Children Malnourished (below height) percentage by country

Figures are for 2007/08 or latest.

Sources: Processed from WDI; MPI data from OHPI MPI database Note: Author notes some discrepancies in WDI data for income poverty versus other poverty counts that suggests income poverty is underestimated

The Guardian newspaper, Tuesday 14 September 2010, posted by Jonathan Glennie (http://www.guardian.co.uk/global-development/datablog/2010/sep/14/bottom-billion-poverty)

#### People practising open defecation: Country percentages of world total



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Source: Figure 23, JMP 2012 report (http://www.wssinfo.org/). Estimated by the WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply and Sanitation (www.wssinfo.org) to ensure compatibility, thus they are not necessarily the official statistics of the concerned country, area or territory, which may use alternative rigorous methods.

#### Malnourished children



#### The Double Threat of OD and Population Density



Each circle represents a single Demographic and Health Survey round, reflecting one country in one year. The linear trend shows that children are shorter, on average, in countries where they are exposed to more OD. The circle sizes are proportional to population. The three largest circles represent surveys at different times in India

Spears, Dean (2012) 'How Much International Variation in Child Height can Sanitation Explain?' Rice Working Paper, 10 December 2012



Open Defecation, Poverty and Stunting: the causal syndrome





### A RAPID RUN THROUGH CLTS

## Mapping Bangladesh



## Transect walk: looking for signs of OD Madagascar



## Shit calculation Kenya

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## Ignition: shock and disgust Kenya

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## Disgust and Ignition Bolivia

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## Who wants to stop open defecation? Zambia

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## Verification and Monitoring Ethiopia and Bangladesh

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## ODF Declaration India

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## Handwashing

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For all the amazing achievements of CLTS, there are, to put it mildly, many third generation challenges