

Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards - LEGS

livelihoods-based livestock interventions in disasters



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LIVESTOCK EMERGENCY GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS (LEGS)

The Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards (LEGS) are a set of international standards and guidelines for the assessment, design, implementation and evaluation of livestock interventions to assist people affected by humanitarian crises. The ultimate aim of LEGS is to improve the quality and livelihoods impact of livestock-related projects in humanitarian situations. LEGS is recognized and promoted by a growing number of donors globally, and is implemented by a broad range of operational organizations, including NGOs as well as international agencies such as FAO and ICRC.

The LEGS Handbook was first published in 2009, with the second edition in 2015. LEGS draws on evidence-based good practice from around the world, which is incorporated into the Handbook, training materials and other resources. LEGS tracks and uses evaluations, reviews and impact assessments of livestock and livestock-related projects as part of this evidence base. The LEGS standards also promote impact assessment and learning as part of the LEGS Approach to support quality livestock-based responses in emergencies.

The *Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards – LEGS* organisation is a non-profit entity registered in the United Kingdom, managed by a Board of Trustees and supported by a technical Advisory Committee made up of individuals from the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), Sphere India, and Tufts University.

LEGS BRIEFING PAPER

LEGS is commissioning a series of Briefing Papers on current issues of relevance for the LEGS community of practice, to review internal and external learning in order to feed into the preparations for the next edition of the LEGS Handbook, which is planned for 2021/22.

The main objective of the Briefing Papers will be to inform the LEGS technical Advisory Committee about key and emerging issues and trends that are not yet, or not adequately, covered in the second edition of the LEGS Handbook. The Briefing Papers will be produced in hard and soft copies and will be promoted through the LEGS website and Mailing List. A series of webinars will be held, focusing on each of the Briefing Papers, open to the LEGS community of practice to discuss and promote the topic further.

The Briefing Papers will focus on evidence-based good practice, presenting key areas where the LEGS Handbook can take these issues into account and, where possible, providing case studies to enhance the existing collection of case studies in the Handbook.

Livestock Insurance

The LEGS Handbook aims to bring together evidence-based good practice, using impact assessments, evaluations, and research findings to ensure that only approaches which have been proven to have a positive impact on the livelihoods of livestock keepers affected by crisis are included in the Handbook. The issue of livestock insurance has grown in the years since the current edition of the Handbook was produced (2014). At that time, although there was a growing interest in insurance, there was limited documentation to provide an evidence base for inclusion in the Handbook. Hence the second edition of LEGS simply refers to insurance, alongside other approaches that were new at that time, as an area to note for the future.

In preparation for the next edition of the Handbook, LEGS is keen to explore what evidence now exists regarding the effective implementation of livestock insurance schemes to support the livelihoods of communities affected by crisis.

LEGS is therefore commissioning a Briefing Paper to review this issue with a particular focus on the following:

- The different models of insurance scheme currently in use to support livestock keepers in crisis, including index-based and those which respond to actual impact rather than weather triggers or predicted livestock losses.
- Documentation analysing the impact of these schemes on livelihoods based on the LEGS livelihoods objectives
- The implications for LEGS guidance in the future

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The objective of the LEGS Livestock Insurance Briefing Paper is:

- *to provide detailed recommendations for the LEGS Steering Group on how livestock insurance can be better represented in the revised edition of the LEGS Handbook.*

The Briefing Paper will:

- consist of two sections:
 - first, a summary and analysis of the topic to promote the issue among practitioners and policy makers. This will include a brief review of selected secondary literature, and production of one to three short case studies in the same format as those in the current Handbook [i.e. maximum 4 paragraphs, illustrating the impacts of livestock emergency responses, not just a description of activity]
 - second, targeted information and recommendations to the LEGS Advisory Committee for the new edition of the LEGS Handbook, in a detachable annex
- focus on adjustments and additions to the LEGS Handbook, bearing in mind that the length of the Handbook cannot be increased and that the overall structure (including the chapter headings) is unlikely to change.
- be no more than 15 pages in length, including annexes
- have the LEGS Advisory Committee as its key audience
- take into account that LEGS uses a rights-based approach with links to international humanitarian law and hence be written from a humanitarian standpoint.
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The consultant will therefore:

- Carry out a review of selected secondary literature, coupled with email and/or Skype discussions with a small number of key informants, bearing in mind the global reach of LEGS. This review should provide the context in which the proposed changes to the Handbook are set. The key contacts should include livestock insurance specialists and other key contacts [details to be provided by LEGS]
- Clearly indicate concise and careful editorial changes to the LEGS Handbook that represent livestock insurance issues relating to livestock emergency response, using only evidence-based material
- Provide links to or copies of appropriate resources and/or tools that should be referenced in the LEGS Handbook
- Submit an initial draft of the Briefing Paper and case studies for comment and feedback by the LEGS Advisory Committee, before finalising and completing the paper.

Anticipated start date:	1 st May 2020
Duration of assignment:	8.5 days
Anticipated output:	Briefing Paper of maximum 15 pages including annexes
Reporting to:	LEGS Coordinator
Required competencies:	background and at least 10 years' experience in livestock and emergency response, with particular understanding of livestock insurance; excellent writing skills; previous knowledge of LEGS

Interested parties should submit their CV and a brief technical proposal (max 1 page) outlining their suggested methodology and timeline to the LEGS Coordinator by **27th April 2020**: Coordinator@livestock-emergency.net.