

Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards

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SUMMARY OF THE LEGS TRAINING POLICY

Following the publication of the LEGS Handbook in 2009, the LEGS Project designed a training programme, based on regional Training of Trainers (TOT) courses. The graduates of these TOTs are equipped with the skills, materials and methods to run the standard 3-day LEGS Training course, which aims to bring the LEGS guidelines to life and enable practitioners to implement the LEGS approach in the field.

The regional TOTs are advertised through the LEGS website, mailing list and other key contacts in the relevant region and individuals are encouraged to apply from international agencies, international and local NGOs, local government and independent consultants. A LEGS TOT takes 6 days, including a full 3-day LEGS training followed by 3 days of training in participatory training techniques, adult learning principles and training practice sessions. The participants are given the full set of training materials on a USB stick and on completion of the TOT they are considered to be LEGS Trainers. Only those TOTs organised by the LEGS Project and delivered by the LEGS TOT training team can train LEGS Trainers.

The LEGS Project has a global remit and therefore cannot engage in individual LEGS training at national level. The TOT graduates are therefore encouraged to find opportunities for LEGS training in their own countries, following their TOT. They send a simple reporting format (including an evaluation summary) to the LEGS Project whenever they carry out a LEGS Training. When they have completed 2 satisfactory LEGS training courses within 2 years of their TOT, they become 'accredited LEGS Trainers' and are listed on the LEGS website.

To-date the LEGS Project has carried out 18 TOTs, resulting in 326 LEGS Trainers worldwide. Between them they have carried out 157 LEGS trainings in 33 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Only LEGS Trainers (i.e. those who have participated in a LEGS TOT) are authorised to conduct the 3-day LEGS Training. The LEGS Trainers are required to deliver the 3-day LEGS Training using the agreed curriculum and materials, which are not in the public domain and should not be shared with others (with the exception of the relevant training handouts etc. given to participants during the training). Participants at a LEGS Training also receive a copy of the LEGS Handbook (either in hard copy or a photocopy of the pdf which is also available on the LEGS website). In this way the LEGS Project aims to maintain a high quality training product whilst at the same time disseminating the guidelines and the LEGS approach.

The LEGS Training Materials are copyrighted to the LEGS Project, and are for use only by LEGS Trainers who have been trained by an official LEGS TOT. The materials should not be copied or distributed to others. In order for a training to qualify as an accredited LEGS Training course, the course must be delivered by a LEGS Trainer using the full agreed set of materials.

For further information, please see contact the LEGS Coordinator: Coordinator@livestock-emergency.net

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