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Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards

About LEGS

The Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards (LEGS) are a set of international guidelines for improving the quality of livestock programmes in humanitarian crises.

The LEGS Project, established in 2005, grew out of concerns that livestock responses in emergencies were frequently inappropriate, poorly designed, and late.

LEGS provides standards and guidance based on good practice from around the world to help decision-makers and practitioners improve their support to livestock keepers affected by crisis. The LEGS Project is overseen by an international Steering Group and is hosted by Vetwork UK.

LEGS Website Redesign

The LEGS website is getting a new look. LEGS recently embarked on a redesign process, which will result in a more user friendly, more intuitive and easier to navigate layout, and provide its users with improved information and services.

The relaunch of the website is planned for June 2017.

LEGS Handbook en français

The French version of the second edition LEGS Handbook is now available in hard copy. The handbook can be ordered from the LEGS website or directly from Practical Action Publishing <http://bit.ly/LEGS-FRENCH2> for £14.20 GBP. Copies are for sale individually or in discounted bulk packs of 24. For those who prefer soft copies in PDF, the handbook is available for free download from the LEGS website.

LEGS Training of Trainers course

The LEGS Project is organising a fee-paying Training of Trainers course in South Africa at the end of September 2017. The course will be open to applicants worldwide who meet the criteria to become LEGS Trainers. More details including how to apply will be posted on the LEGS website shortly.

LEGS Video

What are the ten things you should know about LEGS? Check out our new video on <http://www.livestock-emergency.net/resources/videos> and find out. The LEGS Project has produced a new audiovisual whiteboard, which introduces the LEGS approach in a dynamic and fun way.

Testimonials

"By using the LEGS approach, we got better understanding of the relationship between livestock and their owners. This enabled us to better meet the needs for both animal and owner and greatly increased the effectiveness of our response to the Vietnam floods. LEGS also assisted us in our efforts to show others the importance of considering animals in disaster response and planning and the benefits of good animal welfare in protecting livestock based livelihoods."

(World Animal Protection Case Study-Wallis and Watson, 2013).

"LEGS has brought an important dimension to emergency practices in pastoralist areas: the protection of livestock. A huge capacity development has taken place through a good number of actors. All the key informants interviewed, especially development professionals who had received LEGS training, noted that LEGS had become part of their development and disaster response business."

(Coupe and Kisiangani, 2013).

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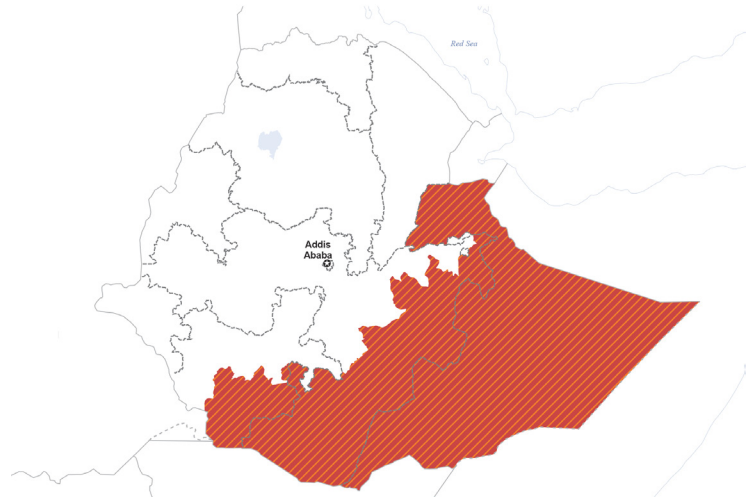
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FOCUS ON ETHIOPIA

The 2017 East Africa drought is having a huge impact on pastoral communities across the southern rangelands of Ethiopia, and in neighbouring Somaliland, Somalia and Kenya. The drought began in the spring in 2016 with the failure of the spring rains, and deepened with the failure of the autumn rains. The current spring rains were also delayed, erratic and are well-below normal.

In the 2015-2016 El Niño drought and the new East Africa drought, livestock worth an estimated US \$3-400 million have been lost or are at risk. In the most severely drought-affected areas, households report livestock losses of more than 40% of cattle, sheep and goats. The cost of emergency livestock feeding is around US \$1.5/day for cattle, and \$0.15/day for sheep and goats. Livestock feed support for 100,000 cattle and 220,000 sheep and goats – the estimated number of livestock that are receiving supplementary livestock feed – over the next four months would be around US \$22 million.

This is expensive. However, ensuring that some core breeding animals survive that can help to rebuild livelihoods over the next few years will ultimately reduce the cost of the



Drought-affected areas of Ethiopia, Spring 2017 (UNOCHA)

long-term provision of emergency food assistance for these households. Meeting livestock needs in this way represents value for money in rebuilding livelihoods.

The Ethiopian Emergency Livestock Response Plan draws on LEGS and the Ministry of Agriculture's Livestock Relief Interventions for Pastoralists Areas of Ethiopia, and recommends the use of LEGS in guiding the drought response.

Source - Strategic Advisory Group (2017):

Drought Emergency Livestock Response Plan for Southern Ethiopia.

Drought Emergency Livestock Response – Livestock Feed/ Food Pipeline Analysis.

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