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LEGS Now on Twitter

The LEGS project joined Twitter in January 2018 in its continued effort to evolve, remain engaging and more accessible to its trainers, partners and donors. Follow us [@TheLEGSProject](#) to get the latest information and updates on LEGS news, trainings, publications and videos.

LEGS Training of Trainers

Over 150 people applied for the LEGS Training of Trainers course for the Horn and East Africa region in late November 2017. The 23 participants who completed the course joined the 17 from around the globe who took part in the South Africa training in September to bring the total of LEGS Trainers worldwide to over 460.

LEGS Drought Tool

The LEGS Project, with support from FAO, is developing a Drought Tool. The first step was a workshop held in Nairobi in mid-November bringing together practitioners and policy makers to share and promote good practice in drought preparedness planning and management, drawing on LEGS and lessons learned from across the Horn/East Africa region. The Drought Tool will be finalised and published in the coming months and made available on the LEGS website in early 2018.

Humanitarian Standards App

The new [Humanitarian Standards Partnership app \(HSPapp\)](#) provides the humanitarian sector's flagship standards and guidance in a single, free-of-charge app. Designed for field practitioners providing humanitarian aid in disaster and conflict situations, the app works on- and off-line on mobile phones and tablets. All content in the HSPapp is available in English, with some standards also accessible in French and Spanish. The app is available for free on the Apple App Store and Google Play.

LEGS Gender Module

The LEGS Project is developing an online training module focusing on gender and livestock interventions. The module will complement the existing LEGS training course and provide participants with practical tools for gender analysis and gender-sensitive planning and implementation of livestock responses in emergencies. The course will be freely available via the LEGS website.

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.



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Women and Livestock in Emergencies

Women play a key role in livestock production and management throughout the world. This role varies from country to country and between communities and ethnic groups, and ranges from milking to herding to caring for young stock. Although ownership and responsibility for livestock also varies from place to place, there are mostly specific gender-based rights and responsibilities relating to livestock.

A thorough understanding of gender roles, responsibilities and power relationships is necessary to ensure that women's needs as well as men's are met in humanitarian response, and that gender inequities are addressed. The LEGS Handbook highlights 'Gender and social equity' as a key issue, and outlines three key aspects in its Core Standards and Cross-cutting Issues chapter:

1. **Differential impact:** disasters such as drought, earthquakes or cyclones affect men and women differently. We need to understand how any emergency affects different groups, including men and women, rather than assume they are all affected in the same way.
2. **Understanding roles, rights and responsibilities:** women and men take different roles in the production and management of livestock, and this varies between communities and geographic regions. Rights and ownership also change in different contexts, and in order to have a positive impact on the whole community, livestock-based interventions need to understand these different roles and take them into account.



Photo by BRAC, March 2009

3. **Disaggregating data and improving analysis:** gender disaggregated data and analysis is a key tool to enable the effective planning, monitoring and evaluation of interventions.

Each technical chapter of the LEGS Handbook also includes a brief discussion of gender issues relating to that intervention, to help practitioners to plan and implement more gender-aware responses.

The LEGS Project is currently developing an online gender training module, which will address these issues and provide complementary support to the 3-day face-to-face training course. The course should be launched in early 2018.

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