



LEGS STRATEGY 2016-2020 - SUMMARY

INSTITUTIONALISING AND LOCALISING LEGS GLOBALLY AND NATIONALLY

KEY POINTS

The LEGS five-year strategy to 2020 responds to:

- The growing recognition of the need for greater investment in **Disaster Risk Reduction**. LEGS aims to reduce vulnerability and increase resilience of livestock keepers affected by disaster, both through improved quality of humanitarian response and increased preparedness for future crises.
- A new urgency to address the need to better integrate long-term development and humanitarian relief efforts. LEGS is based on a **livelihoods approach**, providing an important linkage between emergency response planning and longer-term livelihoods support.
- The **changing nature of crises** - climate change and the increasing number of (often conflict-related) protracted crises also mean that there is an ever-growing need for participatory, evidence-based and livelihoods-based good practice for working with livestock keepers, in preparedness planning, response, and recovery.
- The need for **localisation** - LEGS remains fully committed to working globally but also now includes more focussed efforts in specific countries and regions. Nine 'target countries' have been selected to pilot this approach: Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Niger, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, Vietnam and Bolivia. These countries will form the focus of the localisation process.

STRATEGY SUMMARY

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 aim of LEGS is to *improve the quality and livelihoods impact of livestock-related projects in humanitarian situations*.

The full **LEGS Strategy 2016-2020** and Results Framework is available from LEGS. The main elements of the Strategy are summarized below as LEGS Outputs and Activities.

OUTPUT 1: RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS AND TRANSLATIONS

LEGS materials and tools are available and disseminated in international languages and additional materials are produced on key topics.

To facilitate our training and awareness programme, LEGS materials are available and disseminated in international languages; additional materials and tools produced on key topics.

- 1.1: Communications and promotion of the LEGS Approach.
- 1.2: Promotion and dissemination of LEGS 2nd edition Handbook, focusing on target countries.
- 1.3: Translation and publication of LEGS Handbook in key languages, and fostering and support of local translations.
- 1.4: Translation of revised training materials into Arabic.
- 1.5: Development of LEGS Assessment Tool and other Tools.
- 1.6: Translating new and revised short modules.
- 1.7: Research and briefing papers on key topics of relevance to LEGS.
- 1.8: Preparation for the next revision of the LEGS Handbook.

OUTPUT 2: GLOBAL LEARNING PROGRAMME

The LEGS approach is promoted and disseminated through training and technical support.

Our training and technical support is based on a revised learning strategy and needs assessments in target countries.

- 2.1: Maintaining, revising and promoting existing learning products.
- 2.2: Further roll-out of half-day awareness sessions.
- 2.3: Localisation of Rapid Response Facility.
- 2.4: Piloting decentralisation of LEGS TOT.
- 2.5: Development and dissemination of new LEGS learning products, including Refresher Training.
- 2.6: Fostering the LEGS Training Community of Practice.

OUTPUT 3: INSTITUTIONALISATION AND LOCALISATION OF LEGS

LEGS is further embedded and institutionalised in key partner organisations in pilot target countries and regions, with growing local ownership of the LEGS tools and approach.

- 3.1: Development of national strategies for localising and institutionalising LEGS in target countries.
- 3.2: Support to localisation and institutionalisation strategies.
- 3.3: LEGS Focal Point development.
- 3.4: Participation in the Humanitarian Standards Partnership.

LEGS GLOBAL MANAGEMENT

LEGS core functions ensure efficient coordination of LEGS globally; promote, disseminate and increase awareness about LEGS and the importance of feasible, timely and appropriate livestock responses in emergencies; and explore models for decentralisation and localisation of LEGS activities and governance.

Phase IV of LEGS includes continued support to the LEGS coordination, management and communications, together with the exploration of new models for decentralisation and localisation of key LEGS activities, through: global management and coordination; strategic oversight by the Trustees and Advisory Committee (formerly LEGS Steering Group) including quality control; and support to organisational development and change.