

# Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards - LEGS

*livelihoods-based livestock interventions in disasters*



## LEGS BRIEFING PAPER ON RESILIENCE AND LIVELIHOODS: CONSULTANT TOR

### 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.

LEGS takes a livelihoods-based approach to emergency response, focusing on protecting and rebuilding livestock assets, and drawing on the sustainable livelihoods framework. This means that although LEGS technical interventions are designed for application during or immediately after an emergency, the LEGS Approach promotes preparedness, recovery and linkages with long-term development.

At the same time, since the publication of the second edition of the LEGS Handbook, there has been a growing interest in the concept of 'resilience', defined by USAID as *'the ability of people, households, communities, countries, and systems to mitigate, adapt to, and recover from shocks and stresses in a manner that reduces*

*chronic vulnerability and facilitates inclusive growth*'. Taking a livelihoods approach also provides an opportunity to address the humanitarian and development nexus.

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

- The role of livelihoods-based approaches in the broader context of humanitarian response, and their contribution to the humanitarian-development nexus
- How livelihoods-based approaches in emergencies can contribute to resilience building
- How the next edition of the LEGS Handbook can reflect the latest thinking on these issues
- Whether the sustainable livelihoods framework<sup>1</sup> or resilience frameworks or a modified framework drawing on both of these is the best vehicle to present livelihoods and resilience issues and the role of livelihoods assets within the LEGS Approach.

The paper will draw on the earlier briefing note on LEGS and resilience produced in 2013, as well as other relevant documentation.

## CONSULTANT TERMS OF REFERENCE

**The objective** of the LEGS Resilience and Livelihoods Briefing Paper is:

- *to provide detailed recommendations for the LEGS Steering Group on how resilience and livelihoods issues 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 resilience specialists and other key contacts [details to be provided by LEGS]
- Clearly indicate concise and careful editorial changes to the LEGS Handbook that represent resilience and livelihoods 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 Steering Group, before finalising and completing the paper.

<b>Anticipated start date:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020
<b>Duration of assignment:</b>	8.5 days
<b>Anticipated output:</b>	Briefing Paper of maximum 15 pages including annexes
<b>Reporting to:</b>	LEGS Coordinator

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.livelihoodscentre.org/-/odi-dfid-key-sheets-for-sustainable-livelihood?inheritRedirect=true>

***Required competencies:***

background and at least 10 years' experience in livestock and emergency response, with particular understanding of resilience issues; excellent understanding of livestock issues; 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 **20<sup>th</sup> March 2020**: [Coordinator@livestock-emergency.net](mailto:Coordinator@livestock-emergency.net).