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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.

Gender and social equity are a key consideration in emergency response, not least because disasters affect different groups of people in different ways and an equitable response is part of the rights foundation on which LEGS is based. Emergency interventions have the potential to reinforce social inequities or contribute to greater equality between differentiated social groups, such as those based on age, ethnicity or gender.

The second edition of the LEGS Handbook includes gender and social equity as one of four cross-cutting issues that are considered in both general terms and in relation to the individual technical interventions. This content was informed by an earlier Briefing Paper on gender which contributed to the revision of the Handbook and

the production of the second edition. An online LEGS training module focusing on gender and livestock in emergencies has also been produced and is available on the LEGS website.

In preparation for the next edition of the Handbook, LEGS is keen to obtain a fresh and up-to-date analysis of gender issues relating to livestock responses in emergencies to determine the extent to which the guidance in the LEGS Handbook can be further enhanced and gender issues can be more deeply integrated into the Handbook, in order to contribute to more equitable planning and implementation of livestock responses in emergency situations.

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

- The conceptual framework used in the LEGS Handbook for gender and social equity as a cross-cutting issue
- New thinking and analysis regarding gender that is particularly relevant for livestock-based emergency response.
- Practical tools and examples that can improve gender equity in livestock-based emergency response

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

CONSULTANT TERMS OF REFERENCE

The objective of the LEGS Gender Briefing Paper is:

- *to provide detailed recommendations for the LEGS Steering Group on how gender analysis and programming 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, and a brief assessment of the LEGS online gender module. This review should provide the context in which the proposed changes to the Handbook are set. The key contacts should include gender specialists and other key contacts [details to be provided by LEGS]
- Clearly indicate concise and careful editorial changes to the LEGS Handbook that represent gender analysis and programming 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 Advisory Committee, before finalising and completing the paper.

Anticipated start date: 1st May 2020
Duration of assignment: 8.5 days
Anticipated output: Briefing Paper of maximum 15 pages including annexes
Reporting to: LEGS Coordinator
Required competencies: background and at least 10 years' experience in gender analysis and programming; excellent understanding of livestock issues; understanding of emergency response; 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 **27th April 2020**: Coordinator@livestock-emergency.net.