

# Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards LEGS

*livelihoods-based livestock interventions in disasters*



## LEGS BRIEFING PAPER ON NUTRITION: CONSULTANT TOR – PART 1

### INTRODUCTION

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.

Livestock's contribution to nutrition is both direct (through the provision of animal source foods) and indirect (by generating income which can be spent on food). Emergencies generally have negative impacts on nutrition and food security as well as on livelihood activities and assets. LEGS is commissioning a Briefing Paper to review the key issues relating to nutrition in the context of livestock-based emergency interventions, with particular attention to the following key topics:

- The contribution of livestock to nutrition at household level
- The impact of emergencies on this contribution
- The nutritional benefits of appropriate livestock-based emergency interventions

## CONSULTANT TERMS OF REFERENCE

The **objective** of the LEGS Nutrition Briefing Paper is:

- to provide detailed recommendations for the LEGS Advisory Committee on how nutrition can be better represented in the revised edition of the LEGS Handbook.

The **Briefing Paper** will:

- consist of two sections:
  - o first, a summary and analysis of the topic to promote the representation of nutrition 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]
  - o 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.

The development of the Briefing Paper is divided into **two consultancies**:

- Part 1 consists of a brief literature review, coupled with email and/or Skype discussions with a small number of key informants, in order to determine whether there is sufficient data available on this topic for a Briefing Paper to be produced. A short paper (maximum 2 pages) will be produced summarising the available information and potential sources and presenting a conclusion regarding whether to proceed or not.
- If Part 1 concludes that there is sufficient data to produce a full Briefing Paper, then a second consultancy will be commissioned for Part 2 (see separate TOR).
- If the conclusion of the first part is that there is not sufficient data to produce a full Briefing Paper, Part 2 will not be implemented.

**Anticipated start date:** 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**Duration of assignment:** 2 days

**Anticipated outputs:** Short paper (max 2 pages) determining scope of available information and recommendation whether to proceed

**Reporting to:** LEGS Coordinator

**Required competencies:** background and at least 10 years' experience in nutrition, with particular understanding of livestock and emergency response; 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 **27<sup>th</sup> April 2020**: [Coordinator@livestock-emergency.net](mailto:Coordinator@livestock-emergency.net).