



LEGS DESK REVIEW OF LIVESTOCK-RELATED EMERGENCIES AND RESPONSE IN EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA: 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.

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DESK REVIEW

Natural and human-originated disasters take a variety of forms, but all of them can severely affect people's livelihoods through loss of assets, including livestock. In Eastern-Europe and Central Asia, livestock are an integral part of the household economy, and contribute significantly to family subsistence, livelihood, and well-being. In emergency situations, specific livestock-targeted interventions are required to help households survive the immediate crisis and to support communities in rebuilding their livelihoods. Livestock interventions typically cover provision of animal health services, emergency feeding and water supplies, shelter provision, destocking (marketing, slaughtering) and restocking.

LEGS is working with the FAO Regional Office of Europe and Central Asia to increase the technical capacity of national governments, NGOs, FAO country offices and extension services to prepare for and respond to livestock related emergencies in the region. The key outputs are a Desk Review followed by a short series of webinars (covered by a separate consultancy) which will draw on both the findings of the Desk Review and LEGS tools and guidance.

CONSULTANT TERMS OF REFERENCE

The objective of the Desk Review is to review livestock-related emergencies and the associated responses in the region* over the last 25 years.

The Desk Review will address the following:

- Overview of major livestock-related crises or emergencies in the region over the last 25 years, including summary impact data where available, with a specific focus on small-scale livestock keepers
- Overview of interventions and responses to these livestock-related emergencies, including scope, scale, type of intervention, and any available impact data
- Analysis of the effectiveness of these interventions, based on the available information
- Up to five short (max 1 page) case studies of specific crises and interventions, to illustrate the analysis

The report will be no more than 20 pages in length (excluding annexes). FAO regional office will provide relevant documentation (project reports, evaluations etc) regarding livestock related emergencies in the region over the last 25 years, and FAO and national government responses. The consultant may also consult other sources and literature.

The consultant will therefore:

- Participate in a briefing call with LEGS to agree the scope and focus of the Paper
- Review secondary and grey literature as provided by FAO and from other appropriate sources
- Draft a contents page for the Desk Review, to be discussed and agreed with LEGS
- Submit an initial draft of the Desk Review and case studies for comment and feedback from LEGS
- Produce a final version of the Paper

Anticipated start date:	20 th September 2021
Duration of assignment:	12 days
Anticipated output:	Desk Review report of maximum 20 pages excluding annexes
Reporting to:	LEGS Coordinator
Required competencies:	Background and at least 15 years' experience in livestock and emergency response, with particular understanding of livestock-based livelihoods; experience of working in Eastern Europe and/or Central Asia; excellent writing skills.

Interested parties should submit their CV and a brief technical proposal (max 1 page) outlining their suggested methodology and timeline, together with a sample of their writing, to the LEGS Finance Manager by **10th September 2021**: info@livestock-emergency.net.

*The exact geographical focus and types/scope of emergencies will be determined prior to the start of the work.