



LEGS GLOBAL REVIEW OF THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON LIVESTOCK INTERVENTIONS IN EMERGENCIES: 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 LEGS Approach is based on three livelihoods objectives:

- Objective 1: to provide immediate benefits to crisis-affected communities using existing livestock resources
- Objective 2: to protect key livestock-related assets of crisis-affected communities
- Objective 3: to rebuild key livestock-related assets among crisis-affected communities

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 DISCUSSION PAPER

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted lives and livelihoods across the globe, including the small-scale livestock keepers that LEGS seeks to support. Many livestock keeping communities around the world are already vulnerable to natural and man-made disasters, including drought, flood, earthquakes, tsunamis, and conflict, and some are already in the midst of crises such as the locust infestation in East Africa. Some will become more vulnerable as a result of the pandemic, as many emergency response operations are restricted or put on hold.

In 2020 LEGS commissioned a series of Discussion Papers on 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. One of these papers was *COVID-19, Livestock and Livelihoods*, which focused on the following areas based on information available at the time:

- The impact of the pandemic on the livelihoods of small-scale livestock keepers
- The response of livestock keepers and humanitarian/development agencies to the crisis
- How the next edition of the LEGS Handbook might address guidance relating to emergency response in a pandemic

Building on this Discussion Paper, a more comprehensive Review is now required to document experiences of livestock practitioners globally during the COVID-19 pandemic and in particular the impact of COVID-19 on **livestock interventions**. The findings will be collated and presented in a Review Report including five case studies which may be

included in the forthcoming revised edition of the LEGS Handbook. The Review will be professionally designed and made available in pdf format for online dissemination.

CONSULTANT TERMS OF REFERENCE

The objective of the LEGS COVID-19 Global Review is to identify and document:

- the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on **livestock interventions** in emergencies, focusing on small-scale and pastoral livestock keeping communities, and analysing interventions according to the LEGS Livelihood Objectives.
- the lessons learned from implementing LEGS guidance and tools in response to emergencies in the context of a pandemic, drawing on the COVID-19 pandemic experience, and
- how LEGS can provide guidance on quality livestock interventions when disasters (e.g., droughts, floods, conflicts) occur at the same time as a pandemic such as COVID-19.

The Review should complement the first discussion paper, using any additional evidence available. Information should be drawn from impact assessments, evaluations, and surveys, but avoid anecdotal reports as LEGS is evidence-based.

The Review will:

- Consist of two sections:
 - A review of selected secondary literature, a series of Key Informant Interviews, and five short case studies
 - Targeted information and recommendations to the LEGS Advisory Group for the new edition of the LEGS Handbook
- Be no more than 30 pages in length including case studies and excluding annexes; each case study should be no more than 1.5 pages
- Have the LEGS Community of Practice and Handbook users 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
- Bear in mind the global reach of LEGS

The consultant will therefore:

- Participate in a briefing call with LEGS to agree the scope and focus of the Review
- Review secondary and grey literature, to be sourced by the consultant
- Undertake up to 20 Key Informant Interviews covering a range of project types and sizes and different areas, to gauge the types of responses in different contexts. LEGS can assist in providing contact details for those who may be interested in participating in interviews
- Gather data for five national case studies
- Draft a contents page for the Review, to be discussed and agreed with LEGS
- Submit an initial draft of the Review and case studies for comment and feedback by LEGS
- Produce a final version of the Paper

Anticipated start date: 27th September 2021

Duration of assignment: 30 days

Anticipated output: Discussion Paper of maximum 30 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; research and qualitative interviewing experience; 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, together with a sample of their writing, to the LEGS Finance Manager by **13th September 2021**: info@livestock-emergency.net.