



LEGS

Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards

Supporting livelihoods-based livestock interventions in disasters

ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS

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Welcome to the LEGS 2021 Annual Highlights! Given the tremendous impact that COVID-19 has had on so many lives and livelihoods around the globe over the past 22 months, I would first like to say a sincere “thank you” to our donors, Trainers, partners, and team for their unwavering dedication to advancing LEGS’ critical mission during this time.

Despite the continued challenges that 2021 presented, LEGS was able to innovate and adapt its model to be effective in a virtual environment – including developing a remote delivery training course and the COVID-19 Guidance Note, and publishing Discussion Papers on the website along with a companion webinar series.

LEGS’ accomplishments were largely due to the continued hard work of team members Cathy Watson (LEGS Coordinator), Suzan Bishop and Lucy Margetts, and the guidance of my Trustee and Advisory Group colleagues. Of course, LEGS’ achievements would not be possible without the generous support of our donors: USAID’s Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and The Brooke.

Looking ahead, we are all very excited for the public consultation on the draft 3rd edition of the LEGS Handbook this spring. We will keep you updated on the Handbook along with other LEGS news throughout the year.

Wendy Fenton, Chair, LEGS Trustees



WELCOME MESSAGE

TRAINING

Face-to-Face

The LEGS Training programme is based on regional training of trainers (TOT) courses, building national and local capacity around the world. The TOT graduates become LEGS Trainers, equipped with the skills, materials and methodology to run the core three-day LEGS training course, which aims to bring the LEGS Handbook to life and enable practitioners to apply the LEGS Approach in their work.



Nicaragua TOT

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was only possible to hold one TOT course in 2021 – in Nicaragua. However, **LEGS Trainers were able to roll out 23 three-day trainings** in 2021 – in West Africa, Central Africa, South America, and Central America.



three-day training in Senegal

TRAINING

Online

In response to the pandemic, and the growing demand for online resources, LEGS developed a **remote delivery training course**, based on the three-day curriculum. The course, which comprises seven modules of self-paced learning and live workshops, is already generating significant interest within the LEGS Community of Practice, and has the potential to significantly expand the reach of the LEGS Training Programme.



three-day training in Burkina Faso

A “general release” of the remote course will be available in English, French and Spanish later in 2022. It has already been pilot tested in English and French, with the support of the Brooke and their staff/partners in West and East Africa, and will be pilot tested in Spanish. A pilot induction course to train existing LEGS Trainers to run the course was tested in April 2021, and a dissemination plan is being developed, including capacity building of existing Trainers to roll it out online.

During 2021, three new LEGS mini-modules for face-to-face training were produced: 1) LEGS refresher training, 2) drought and 3) participation. Given increased demand for online resources, these modules will now be adapted for remote delivery. Along with the remote course, they will be hosted on the newly created LEGS Learning Platform, which be available in English, French and Spanish. These online training resources will reduce training costs and travel, as well as improve access to training.

29 participants from Trinidad and Tobago took part in two remote courses commissioned by the FAO Caribbean Sub-Regional Office.

HANDBOOK

With the support of USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), LEGS has embarked on revising the LEGS Handbook. **Publication of the 3rd edition – both the online and hard copy – is scheduled for 2023.** The consultation and feedback on the current edition gathered during 2020 and early 2021 was consolidated then reviewed by the LEGS Advisory Group.

Chapter revision authors are currently drafting content based on the consultation feedback and the Advisory Group's technical review. The revised chapters will be combined into a "consultation version," which will be available online for comment and feedback from the LEGS Community of Practice in June/July 2022.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted lives and livelihoods across the globe, and affected all aspects of development and humanitarian endeavour. The COVID-19 page on the LEGS website includes a number of resources to support practitioners, including:

- The LEGS **COVID-19 Guidance Note**, which summarises how the LEGS Approach can be applied in the context of the pandemic, both to inform on-going operations and guide preparations for the recovery phase
- The **Humanitarian Standards Partnership (HSP) short guide** to applying humanitarian standards to fighting COVID-19
- The global Food Security Cluster Technical **Working Group on COVID-19**, of which LEGS was a member, produced guidance for emergency livestock actions.

MORE HIGHLIGHTS

LEGS Discussion Papers and Webinar Series

In preparation for the revision of the LEGS Handbook, Discussion Papers on key topics were published on the website, complemented by a webinar series led by the papers' authors. The topics covered were: nutrition, gender, veterinary pharmaceuticals and anti-microbial resistance, livestock insurance, COVID-19, livelihoods and resilience, and institutionalization and localization of the LEGS Approach. Both the papers and webinar recordings are available on the website.

LEGS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

LEGS worked with FAO's Office for Europe and Central Asia to increase the technical capacity of national governments, NGOs, FAO country offices, and extension services on livestock-related emergencies in the region. This included a desk review of livestock-related emergencies over the last 25 years and their impact in the region, highlighting the importance of livestock in emergency preparedness and response. A series of four webinars were developed based on LEGS training resources and information from the desk review, which were presented to FAO participants from over 20 countries.

The LEGS guidelines have always been a great help for providing adequate assistance during emergencies in our region. With the webinars organized jointly with LEGS, our regional office was able to familiarize governments, NGOs and other stakeholders with the LEGS guidelines, which will hopefully create synergies in the future and will provide help for farmers in need.

– Tibor Szucs, Livestock Production Consultant, FAO REU

Emergency Response to Volcanic Eruptions

LEGS began work on a technical brief on preparedness, response and recovery for livestock and livelihoods related to volcanic activity for the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. The case study will be used as a training simulation exercise on how to plan and deliver more effective, evidence-based volcano emergency response.

Humanitarian Standards Partnership (HSP)

LEGS continues to be an active member in the HSP, which brings together nine sets of humanitarian standards, including Sphere and standards on child protection, education, inclusion, and other aspects of humanitarian action. The goal is to improve the quality and accountability of humanitarian action across all sectors and promote a harmonised approach. LEGS also provides specific support to the forthcoming standards on agriculture in emergencies – SEADS is expected to become a member of the HSP in due course.

Key Plans for 2022

- Completion of consultation version of the 3rd edition LEGS Handbook, with public consultation in May 2022
- Submission of the final revised Handbook for publication and translation into French, Spanish and Arabic
- Collection of new case studies to support the revised Handbook
- Translation of the remote delivery training course into Spanish
- Development of induction process so LEGS Trainers can roll out the remote course, and further development of the Learning Platform
- Identification of LEGS Focal Points and development of engagement strategies with key stakeholders in selected countries
- Plans for at least two TOT courses

ABOUT 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, in support of people affected by humanitarian crises. LEGS is recognised and promoted by a growing number of donors globally and is implemented by a broad range of operational organisations, including NGOs, as well as international agencies such as the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

The LEGS Handbook was first published in 2009, the second edition in 2014 and preparations are underway for the publication of the third edition. LEGS draws on evidence-based good practice from around the world, which is incorporated into the Handbook, training materials and other resources. The 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 FAO, ICRC, ODI, Sphere India, and Tufts University. For more information, visit livestock-emergency.net.

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= the number of LEGS trainings held by the end of 2021, reaching more than 10,000 people in 56 countries

