

### **WELCOME LETTER**

We're pleased to present you with our second LEGS Annual Highlights.

While the world began to adjust to its "new normal" throughout 2022, disasters – many driven by the intensifying climate crisis – continued to threaten lives and livelihoods around the globe.

So while LEGS was able to celebrate the first in-person training of trainers (ToT) since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic – held in held in Cotonou, Benin from 27 June to 1 July 2022 – we also knew many members of our Community of Practice have been struggling with the impacts of disasters, both personally and professionally.

This makes increasing the dissemination and adoption of the LEGS approach more important than ever. To support "greater local ownership, institutionalisation and demand for the LEGS Approach," one of the four outcomes outlined in the LEGS 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, LEGS held its first institutionalisation workshop for representatives of both local and national Kenyan organisations in Nairobi in August 2022.

LEGS also piloted its **LEGS Core Training: Online course** in English, French and Spanish, leading up to the March 2023 launch, to offer greater flexibility to organisations that want to commission a training. Of course, the main focus of 2022 was preparing for the release of the 3rd edition of the LEGS Handbook – a great deal of work has gone into revising the content, and we're grateful to everyone who has contributed their time and expertise.

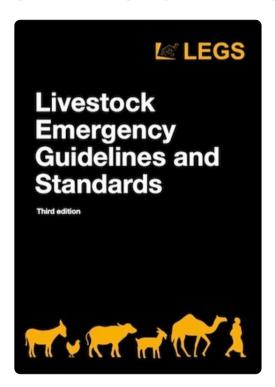
As always, we appreciate the dedication of all of the LEGS donors, Trainers, partners, and team who make this work possible.

THANK YOU!
WENDY FENTON, CHAIR, LEGS TRUSTEES

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **3RD EDITION OF THE LEGS HANDBOOK**



Throughout 2022 we worked diligently on revising the LEGS Handbook. After the public consultation period ended in September 2022, the LEGS Advisory Group reviewed and addressed the comments, and the editor continued refining the draft.

The final English version of 3rd edition was sent to the printer in February 2023, and it will be released in spring 2023, as both a hard copy and interactive edition. The 3rd edition is also being translated into French, Spanish and Arabic, and those versions will be released in September 2023.

Accompanying case studies will be published on the LEGS website.

### **NEW TECHNICAL BRIEFS**

We released three new technical briefs in 2022:

- "<u>Livestock and Nutrition</u>," which discusses the importance of animal source foods (ASF) in addressing malnutrition
- "The Quality of Veterinary Pharmaceuticals," which focuses on the multiple factors that affect the quality of a drug as well as antimicrobial resistance
- "Livestock Emergency Preparedness and Response for Areas at <u>High Risk of Volcanic Eruptions</u>," which was produced in partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

### **TRAINING**

#### **LEGS TRAINING PROGRAMME: 2010 to 2022**



"We have better knowledge about the benefits of livestock for the rebuilding and protection of subsistence livelihoods affected by emergencies."

Participant, Training of Trainers, Benin (July 2022)



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Trainers since the onset of
the COVID-19 pandemic
was held in Cotonou,
Benin from 27 June to 1
July 2022. It was
commissioned by
Vétérinaires Sans
Frontières (VSF) Belgium,
and was at full capacity
with 19 participants.

## **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

#### FIRST INSTITUTIONALISATION WORKSHOP HELD

The institutionalisation of the LEGS Approach and Handbook at national and local levels forms a key part of the LEGS Strategy. To further our work in this area, three countries have been selected where LEGS communities of practice will be supported to develop a LEGS country institutionalisation strategy and action plan.

Kenya, with its active community of practice and focal point experience, was chosen as the first country. A 1.5-day institutionalisation workshop, led by **Dr**. **Kisa Juma Ngeiywa** with the support of **Dr**. **Julius Kajume**, was held in Nairobi in August 2022. The 22 participants represented key government ministries and departments, universities, institutions, and NGOs. The institutionalisation strategy is being finalized and will soon be available on the LEGS website.



### **JOIN OUR GOOGLE GROUP**

In 2022, we launched a Google Group, so members of the LEGS community can ask questions, and share experiences and advice related to understanding and implementing the LEGS Approach. If you would like to join, please email <u>communications@livestock-emergency.net</u>.

### PLANS FOR 2023

2023 is going to be a big year for LEGS! Here's what we have planned so far:

- In spring and summer 2023, LEGS is holding both in-person and virtual launch events for the English version of the 3rd edition of the LEGS Handbook. Additional events will be held after the French, Spanish and Arabic versions are published in fall 2023.
- The **LEGS Core Training Online course** is being rolled out in March. This virtual course mirrors the in-person LEGS Core Training course and is carried out entirely online (in English, French and Spanish).
- A new technical brief on "Floods and Tropical Storms" is being published in March 2023.
- A drought e-module is being published in May or June 2023.

## **FUNDING**

In 2022, LEGS received funding and in-kind support\* from:

- Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, USAID (BHA)
- Feinstein International Center, Tufts University
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- Humanitarian Policy Group, ODI\*
- International Committee of the Red Cross
- Sphere\*
- Sphere India\*
- The Brooke
- VSF-Belgium

Unless otherwise stated, all LEGS activities are funded by BHA.

# **MANAGEMENT**



In September 2022, the LEGS Advisory Group had its first in-person meeting since the start of the pandemic. We met in Berkshire (U.K.) to review public feedback on the 3rd edition of the LEGS Handbook. It was a very successful event, and everyone enjoyed seeing each other again.

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\*to March 2022

 $^{**}$ as of January 2023

# **ABOUT**

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.

The LEGS organisation is a non-profit entity registered in the United Kingdom, managed by a Board of Trustees, and supported by a small central secretariat. It also has a Technical Advisory Group made up of experts from FAO, ICRC, ODI, Sphere India, and Tufts University. LEGS draws on evidence-based good practice from around the world, which is incorporated into the Handbook, training materials and other resources. It is recognised and promoted by a growing number of donors and networks globally, and is implemented by a broad range of operational organisations, UN agencies and NGOs.

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