

# LEGS 8 Principles

The LEGS Handbook features eight principles as the basis for effective livestock-related responses in humanitarian crises.



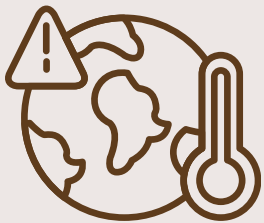
## Focus on Livelihoods

Livestock-keeping communities are supported during emergencies to protect their livestock as a key livelihood asset, and to rebuild their livelihoods post-emergencies.



## Participation

Communities actively participate in the assessment, design, planning, implementation, and monitoring & evaluation of livestock emergency programmes. Participation barriers for different groups are addressed.



## Climate & Environment

Programming takes into account climate change and environmental impacts on livestock keeping communities, as well as the potential environmental effects of livestock keeping.



## Preparedness

Emergency responses are based on the principles of disaster risk reduction and early action, including preparedness, contingency planning and early response.



## Coordination

Different livestock interventions are harmonised and complementary to interventions that save lives and livelihoods. They do not interfere with immediate activities to save human lives.



## Gender-sensitive

Emergency livestock programming understands different gender roles and responsibilities; promotes equitable access to resources; recognises the differential impact of crisis and emergency interventions; and mitigates the risk of gender-based violence.



## Local ownership

Programming encourages context-specific, locally designed and owned responses that are based on equal partnerships which empower local actors.



## MEAL

Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) systems in emergency livestock response ensure effectiveness, accountability to affected communities, continuous improvement and better future programming through evaluation and learning.



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