

Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards

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SUMMARY OF THE LEGS TRAINING POLICY

Following the publication of the first edition of the LEGS Handbook in 2009, LEGS designed a training programme based on regional Training of Trainers (TOT) courses, which aimed to build training capacity in countries affected by humanitarian crises. The graduates of these TOTs are equipped with the skills, materials and methods to run the standard LEGS Core Training course in their own countries and regions. This Core Training course brings the LEGS guidelines to life and enables practitioners to implement the LEGS approach in practice.

The regional TOTs can be commissioned by organisations/institutions (local or international) if they have funds to pay for a full course of 16-18 participants, or by a group of organisations with a lead agency. A LEGS TOT takes 6 days, including a full 3-day LEGS Core Training followed by 3 days of training in participatory training techniques, adult learning principles and training practice sessions. The participants are given the full set of training materials and on completion of the TOT they are considered to be LEGS Trainers. Only those TOTs organised by LEGS and delivered by the LEGS TOT training team can train LEGS Trainers.

The TOT graduates are encouraged to find opportunities for LEGS training in their own countries, following their TOT. They send a simple reporting format (including an evaluation summary) to LEGS whenever they carry out a LEGS Training. When they have completed 2 satisfactory LEGS training courses within 2 years of their TOT, they become 'accredited LEGS Trainers' and are listed on the LEGS website.

To-date LEGS has carried out TOTs around the world, resulting in more than 450 active LEGS Trainers worldwide. Between them they have carried out over LEGS trainings in countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America, reaching over 12,000 people.

Only LEGS Core Training courses carried out by a LEGS Trainer (i.e. those who have participated in a LEGS TOT) are recognised as accredited courses. LEGS Trainers are required to deliver the LEGS Core Training using the agreed curriculum and materials. Participants at a LEGS Training also receive a copy of the LEGS Handbook (either in hard copy or a photocopy of the pdf which is also available on the LEGS website).

The LEGS Core Training Materials are copyrighted to LEGS and are designed for accredited LEGS Trainers to deliver in-person courses and workshops, but they are also useful for individual study. The package includes three days' worth of structured content and is flexible in design – allowing it to be delivered as a full course, reformulated for shorter workshops, or integrated into broader initiatives such as humanitarian or veterinary degree programmes.

For further information, please see contact the LEGS Coordinator: Coordinator@livestock-emergency.net

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