



EMERGENCY GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS FOR LIVESTOCK IN PAKISTAN

Around 62 percent of Pakistan’s population lives in rural areas, which are highly susceptible to natural disasters. Resource-poor rural households possess relatively high financial assets in the form of livestock and are largely dependent on animals for their food security and livelihoods. The impacts of disaster are extremely detrimental to the population, above all to rural dwellers, because of their high exposure to hazards and vulnerability. Natural and anthropogenic disasters severely affect people’s livelihoods through loss of assets, including livestock. In order to protect livestock during such disasters and to rebuild the livestock-based livelihoods of the affected communities, the current project was designed to provide Pakistan with a Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards (LEGS). The overall goal of the project was to develop a cadre of trainers capable of delivering the LEGS tool in the assessment, design, implementation and evaluation of livestock interventions in order to protect livestock and the livestock-based livelihoods of affected populations through humanitarian assistance.



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WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

Under the project, FAO Pakistan conducted an international LEGS training of trainers (TOT course) for 25 participants. Eleven local training courses were then held through TOTs in administrative units of the country. Altogether, the project trained 337 professionals from a wide range of stakeholders involved in emergency responses, including departments of livestock, national and provincial disaster management authorities, academia, international and national non-governmental organizations, rescue agencies and local government functionaries across the country, in the effective use of LEGS to conceive, execute and evaluate livestock interventions. The project also prepared livestock emergency response plans for seven administrative units of the country and nine disaster-prone districts.

IMPACT

The training provided by the project established coordination among a wide range of stakeholders, equipping participants with knowledge of the LEGS approach and identifying appropriate livelihood-based livestock interventions in emergency response. Participants can now apply the process of participatory risk analysis and assess the impact of major hazards in their working context. In addition, the emergency response plans developed will help to support the livestock assets of the affected communities, taking into consideration such major hazards in the region as drought and flooding.

KEY FACTS

Contribution

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Duration

June 2015 – September 2017

Resource Partner

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Beneficiaries

Livestock-dependent rural households in disaster-prone areas

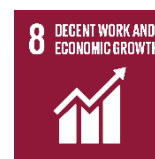


ACTIVITIES

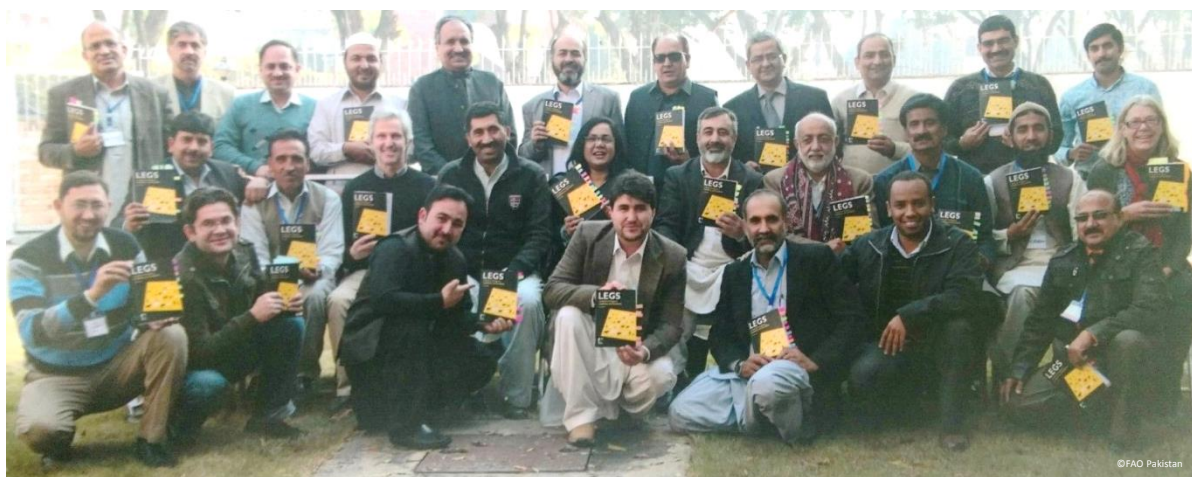
- One international LEGS TOT conducted.
- 25 professionals trained from eight administrative units of Pakistan.
- 11 local three-day training courses conducted.
- Capacity of 337 professionals strengthened at regional and local level to adapt and use LEGS for emergency preparedness and response.
- 16 livestock emergency response plans developed for seven administrative units and nine districts of Pakistan.



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