

Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards - LEGS

livelihoods-based livestock interventions in disasters



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- The assumption is not that the animals will not die but that pastoralists will use their traditional methods to keep their animals alive. The IBLI product is meant to be an add -on to the coping strategies and not be the only coping strategy.
- Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), an apex development organisation, was established by the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) in May 1990, for sustainable poverty reduction through employment generation.
Legally, PKSF is a “company not for profit” and is registered under the Companies Act of 1913/1994 with the registrar of Joint Stock Companies. The legal structure of PKSF allows flexibility and authority to undertake programmes in a dynamic environment, implementing them throughout the country and manage its affairs as an independent organisation. In the beginning of its operations in 1990, PKSF set the goal of creating self-employment opportunities in the rural off-farm sector and adopted the strategy of promoting a credit programme for attaining this goal. This credit programme, launched for the rural moderate poor, has been diversified over time in accordance with the changing needs of heterogeneous poverty-stricken segments of society and has gradually evolved into an “inclusive financing programme”. A project titled ‘Strengthening Resilience of Livestock Farmers through Risk Reducing Services’, funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), is being implemented by Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF). The project aims to improve capacity and knowledge of livestock farmers on good farming practices through training, vaccination camp etc to reduce morbidity and mortality risks of livestock, and to encourage farmers to invest more in livestock rearing. It will also work to improve the capacity of different stakeholders on risk mitigation services for the livestock sector in the country. PKSF has selected 15 Partner Organizations (POs) to implement the project in different regions of the country.
- One of the ways to run a successful sustainable scheme is possibly bundling of services, a value addition to the IBLI product, where even if there are no payouts herders could have access to other services with the premium that has been paid. This is something that is being worked on as part of scaling it to the HoA region and in West Africa. There could be different products - micro which is the commercial one, a meso level which could be more community based and also social safety net , and a government promoted one... there are several options and scope of innovations which could be done. Its not all gloom and doom.
- Need more experience on private partnership approach for Livestock insurance.