



SEADS

Standards for Supporting Agricultural Livelihoods in Emergencies

About SEADS

A close-up photograph of golden wheat ears in sunlight, with long, thin awns extending from the seed heads. The lighting is warm and directional, creating strong highlights and shadows on the grain.

The SEADS Standards will enable
the best possible programming for
agricultural livelihoods in
emergencies

What is SEADS?

The SEADS Project is a two-year, inclusive, and consultative process to develop evidence-based standards for supporting agricultural livelihoods in emergencies.

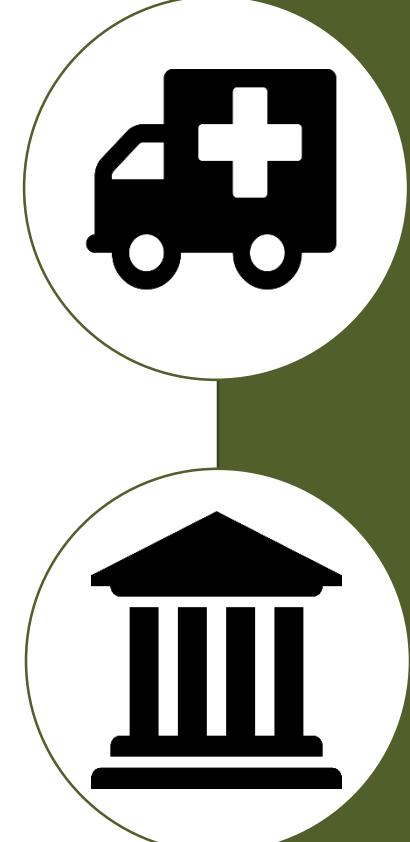
The SEADS Standards will enable those responding to humanitarian crises to design, implement, and evaluate agricultural interventions to maintain and strengthen the livelihoods of farming communities, support preparedness and post-emergency recovery, and increase their resiliency.



The SEADS Standards will be useful for anyone who is involved in agriculture-related projects in emergencies

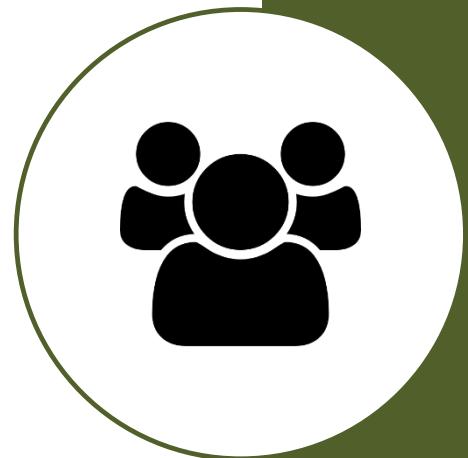
People who provide preparedness, emergency, recovery, and resilience assistance, such as aid organizations, bi- and multilateral agencies, and governments

Policy and decision-makers in donor and government agencies whose funding and decisions affect emergency responses



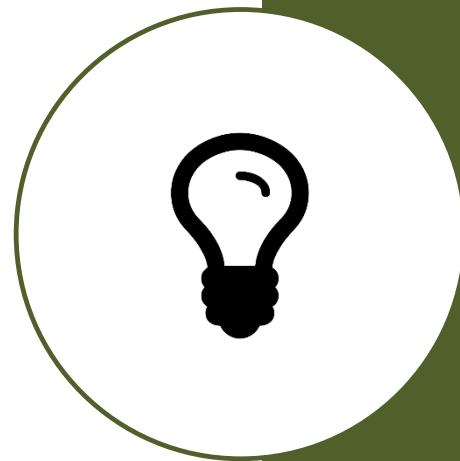
Collaborative & Inclusive

SEADS is designed to benefit people who rely on agriculture for their livelihoods and are subject to emergencies that threaten their livelihoods. As such, SEADS is committed to understanding and including local perspectives while recognizing the wealth of experience in the international humanitarian community.



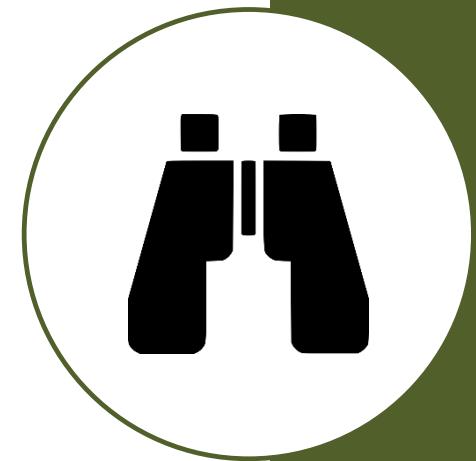
Forward Thinking

SEADS relies on the best available evidence, not organizational preferences, for the standards. SEADS expects that these objective standards will help push organizations out of “business as usual” to make it easier to use sound evidence in the design and implementation of agricultural responses in emergencies.



Future Oriented

SEADS takes a livelihoods-approach to ensure that responses to emergencies are implemented in a way that facilitates long-term recovery and growth. SEADS will promote ways to support systems and services during emergencies that are needed to enable post-disaster recovery.



The SEADS Project



OUR PROCESS

We are in the early stages of developing the SEADS Standards through a nine-stage process over approximately two years.

Throughout the project, we will invite humanitarians and agricultural experts from across the globe to help develop, test, revise, and roll out the standards.

Launch and promote the SEADS Project to raise awareness

Stage 1: Establish and operationalize the SEADS Steering Group

Stage 2: Frame the scope and structure of the SEADS Standards

Stage 3: Design and implement the SEADS Communications Plan and launch the SEADS Project



Create buy-in and demand for the SEADS Standards

Stage 4: Liaise with Sphere and Humanitarian Standards Partnership

Stage 5: Review and synthesize evidence

Stage 6: Manage evidence gaps

Stage 7: Write and review the SEADS Standards and conduct simulation events



Release and roll-out the SEADS Standards to begin the adoption process

Stage 8: Publish the SEADS Standards

Stage 9: Release and roll out the SEADS Standards





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Get Involved with SEADS

SEADS is currently seeking to complete eight evidence reviews and FSLC invites consultants for each of the following topics (one consultant could possibly cover more than one thematic area):

1. Seeds & Seed Systems
2. Agriculture Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Transfer
3. Integrated Pest Management and Disease Control
4. Soil Fertility
5. Agriculture infrastructure, tools and machinery
6. Agriculture market systems
7. Agriculture Production systems
8. Securing Land Access

Contribute evidence

Send evaluations, impact assessments, or reviews that show the impact of agricultural interventions in emergencies to info.southsudan@fscluster.org

Stay up to date

Join the SEADS community to learn about opportunities to be involved and stay up to date <https://seads-standards.org/contact>