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 who’s 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.
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 to systems and services during emergencies that are needed to enable post-disaster recovery.
The SEADS Project
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 needs your expertise

Nominate Steering Group members
We are seeking individuals with experience in humanitarian-agriculture or food security programming to join the Steering Group. Email coordinator@seads-standards.org to learn more.

Contribute evidence
Send evaluations, impact assessments, or reviews that show the impact of agricultural interventions in emergencies to coordinator@seads-standards.org

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