Alert Type: Spike in protracted crisis
Alert Title: Yemen – Conflict Escalation in Lahj

Alerting Organisation(s): Danish Muslim Aid
Date Received: 10.11.26
Decision Date: 16.11.26
By: DERF Fund Management

Crisis country and location(s): Yemen

Decision: Not to activate the DERF to respond to Yemen – Conflict Escalation in Lahj

Reason:

DERF recognises the serious humanitarian situation in Yemen and the consequences of the reported escalation of hostilities for already vulnerable communities. The ongoing conflict and renewed violence have further increased humanitarian needs and the risk of displacement and disruption to essential services.

Following a review of the alert in accordance with the DERF Funding Guidelines, DERF has decided not to activate the fund.

Under the DERF Rapid Response modality, interventions must begin within three months of the start of a humanitarian crisis or an identified spike in a protracted crisis. The escalation identified in the alert began on 3 September 2026, meaning that interventions would need to start by 3 December 2026.

Given the limited time remaining, DERF does not consider it possible to complete the call process, assess applications, award grants and initiate funded interventions within the three-month timeframe.

The decision is therefore based on the timeliness criterion for activating DERF (Funding Guidelines, section 3.2). It does not diminish the seriousness of the humanitarian situation in Yemen or the urgent needs of affected populations.