

**Alert Type:** Rapid Onset Crisis

**Alert Title:** Floods affecting displaced communities and camps in Syria

**Alerting Organisation(s):** Danish Muslim Aid

**Date Received:** 16.02.26

**Decision Date:** 18.02.26

**By:** DERF Fund Management

**Crisis country and location(s):** Syria

**Decision:** Not to activate the DERF to respond to Floods affecting displaced communities and camps in Syria

**Reason:**

The flooding across 21 IDP sites in Idlib and northern Lattakia is acknowledged as serious, with approximately 5,300 internally displaced persons directly affected, 1,850 tents partially damaged and 149 destroyed, and 3 reported fatalities, in addition to significant disruption to health services. Emergency shelter, winterisation, health and protection needs remain acute, and humanitarian partners are mobilising multi-sectoral assistance in coordination with local authorities.

However, based on the available information, a coordinated humanitarian response is already underway, including inter-agency assessments, deployment of mobile medical teams, activation of contingency stocks, relocation to collective shelters, and sector-level response mechanisms.

Therefore, although the severity of the situation in Syria is acknowledged, DERF's limited funding envelope requires prioritisation of contexts that are critically underfunded and underserved, where acute life-saving needs remain insufficiently addressed. In line with DERF's alert activation criteria – including scale and severity – the current situation does not meet the threshold for activation. On this basis, the situation falls outside DERF's current activation priorities.