

**Alert Type:** Spike in a protracted crisis

**Alert Title:** Escalation of Afghanistan–Pakistan border hostilities triggering new internal displacement in Eastern and South-Eastern Afghanistan

**Alerting Organisation(s):** *Rebuild Aid Foreningen*

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**Decision Date:** 18.03.26

**By:** DERF Fund Management

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

**Decision:** Not to activate the DERF to respond to the Escalation of Afghanistan–Pakistan border hostilities triggering new internal displacement in Eastern and South-Eastern Afghanistan

**Reason:**

DERF considers the situation in eastern and south-eastern Afghanistan with serious concern and assesses that there are significant humanitarian needs. The crisis represents a sudden escalation within an already protracted humanitarian context, where intensified hostilities since late February 2026 have led to internal displacement, civilian casualties, and damage to homes and critical infrastructure. This has disrupted access to health services, food, and humanitarian assistance, leaving particularly vulnerable groups in an acutely exposed situation.

However, as Afghanistan is included in the recently launched call *26-007-SP-Emergency Humanitarian Assistance in the Middle East*, opened by DERF on 18 March, it is possible to apply for funding for interventions in Afghanistan through this call. Consequently, this alert is not taken forward, as the response can be addressed within the framework of the existing call.