

Call for applications for DERF funding of rapid response interventions answering to the following humanitarian crisis:

Title: Armed Conflict in Sanaag Region, Somaliland

Country and location(s): Ceerigaabo town and surroundings, Sanaag region, Somaliland

DERF Funding Modality: Applicants are to apply for the DERF Funding Modality *Rapid Response* as per the DERF Funding Guidelines.

Call window for submission of applications: Applications are received and processed on an ongoing basis from 16.01.2025 until 07.02.2025 at 12:00 noon CET.

Funds allocated for this Call: The DERF allocates a total of up to **DKK 1,5 million** for this Call. Applicants can apply for **maximum DKK 500.000** each.

Alert title and location(s)	Alert type, source and date	Crisis type	Information on the humanitarian crisis and emergency relief needs	Known DK org. in crisis location(s)	Assessment of DERF relevance
Title: Armed Conflict in Sanaag Region Country & locations: Ceerigaa-bo town and surroundings, Sanaag region, Somaliland	Alert Type: Local Alert Alerting Organisation: Iftin Crisis Start: 14.12.2024 Sources supplemented with: OCHA Flash Update from Dec 18,2024 OCHA Rapid Needs assessment	Spike in protracted crisis	Background Violent clashes were reported in Ceerigaabo on 14 December, escalating for a second consecutive day on 15 December, particularly in the town's southern areas and nearby locations. Casualties were reported, including children injured by mortar fire. The security situation remains volatile despite ongoing peace negotiations, with uneasy calm reported in the town since 16 December. As a result, around 43,000 people have fled, many seeking refuge in surrounding areas, including safer locations in Ceerigaabo district. (OCHA Flash Update from December 18, 2024). The largest number of IDPs have fled to the districts of Laasqoray, Ceel Afweyn, Bossaso, Ceerigaabo, Taleex, Laas Caanood, and Xudun. Humanitarian impact Reports indicate that the newly displaced families urgently require humanitarian assistance, including shelter, water and sanitation, food, health, nutrition, protection and education assistance (OCHA Flash Update, December 18, 2024). The socio-economic fabric has deteriorated due to persistent unrest, severely disrupting livelihoods, paralyzing commerce, and straining social cohesion. Access to essential goods, markets, and education has been hindered, with critical infrastructure and services severely damaged. Reports also show a deterioration of the health situation, with acute diarrhoea, measles, malaria and respiratory illnesses as the major health issues. Prioritised Emergency Actions Between December 18th and 25th, 2024, OCHA, in coordination with 23 partners operating on the ground, conducted a Rapid Needs Assessment, where the following priorities were identified: • Shelter and NFIs like kitchen sets, sleeping mats and tents. • Health and Nutrition, due to lack of access to health facilities. • Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), hereunder access to safe water, inadequate water supplies and sanitation issues. • Food Security and Livelihoods, due to loss of livestock and crop destruction. • Emergency Education due to school closure and lack of education material.	Number of organisations present in-country: 15 Number of organisations with external funding experience (both CSF and DERF grants): 8 Number of organisations present in specific localities: 3	Critical emergency and/or protection needs: Yes Particularly vulnerable groups: Yes Timeliness potential of DERF funded intervention: Yes Funding gap in response: Yes DERF funds available: Yes Recommend:

			• Protection: Safety concerns including GBV, emotional abuse, and family separation for women and girls, as well as recruitment, attacks and abuse of men and boys. Vulnerability The displacement has severely affected vulnerable groups, including children, pregnant women, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and individuals with chronic illnesses. Funding Situation Various humanitarian organisations are actively engaged in response efforts, including cash transfers, nutrition programs, protection services for vulnerable populations, and the establishment of community-based protection mechanisms. OCHA is leading inter-agency missions to affected areas, supported by Area-Based Coordination (ABC) partners, to facilitate these efforts (OCHA Flash Update, December 18, 2024). Humanitarian Access Insecurity hinder humanitarian responses, emphasising the importance of effective population tracking and tailored interventions.		Activate DERF
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