Alert Type: Rapid onset crisis
Alert Title: Mass Arrivals from Guinea to Mali: Escalating Humanitarian Needs Following the Closure of Artisanal Gold Mines

Alerting Organisation(s): Mission Afrika
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By: DERF Fund Management

Crisis country and location(s): Mali – Kourémalé and Bamako

Decision: Not to activate the DERF to respond to the humanitarian situation arising from mass arrivals into Mali following the closure of artisanal gold mines in Guinea.

Reason:

DERF acknowledges the serious humanitarian situation following the sudden arrival of large numbers of people in Mali from Guinea after the closure of artisanal gold-mining sites in the Siguiri region. Approximately 160,000 people were recorded arriving between 5 and 9 November 2026, particularly in Bamako and Kourémalé. The influx has created urgent needs for temporary shelter, food, safe drinking water, sanitation, healthcare and protection assistance. Return operations are ongoing, and the number of people still requiring assistance in Mali remains unclear.

However, all funds allocated for Rapid Response interventions in 2026 have now been fully committed. Consequently, DERF is no longer in a position to activate new Rapid Response calls or provide additional funding for the remainder of the year.

The decision is therefore based solely on the unavailability of funds and does not reflect an assessment of the severity of the humanitarian situation or the needs of the affected population.