

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

**Title:** Afghanistan flooding

**Country and location(s):** Afghanistan – nationwide (across all regions of the country)

**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 22 April until 13 May 2026 at 12:00 noon (CET).

**Funds allocated for this call:** The DERF allocates a total of up to **DKK 2.5 million** for this call. Applicants can apply for **maximum DKK 749.999** 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
<p><b>Title:</b> Afghanistan flooding</p> <p><b>Country &amp; locations:</b> Afghanistan – nationwide (across all regions of the country)</p>	<p><b>Alert Type:</b> Local Alert</p> <p><b>Alerting Organisation:</b> Danish Afghanistan Committee (DAC)</p> <p><b>Crisis Start:</b> 26.03.26</p> <p><b>Sources supplemented with:</b> UN OCHA, Flash Update #1 &amp; #2, 09/4/2026 &amp; 16/4/2026</p>	<p>Rapid onset crisis</p>	<p><b>Background</b></p> <p>Between 26 March and 6 April 2026, heavy rainfall and flash floods affected all regions of Afghanistan. The flooding occurred following successive periods of rain and impacted large parts of the country.</p> <p>The floods have affected areas already facing highly complex humanitarian conditions, including prolonged conflict, displacement, and long-term food insecurity. In many locations, pre-existing vulnerabilities and limited coping capacity have increased the severity of the impact on affected communities.</p> <p>Humanitarian actors have initiated response efforts across multiple regions, including the provision of food assistance, emergency shelter, health services, and WASH support. However, assessments remain ongoing, and infrastructure damage, access constraints, and information gaps continue to affect the ability to fully assess needs and scale up the response. (OCHA, 16 April 2026; Health Cluster Afghanistan, 13 April 2026).</p> <p><b>Humanitarian impact:</b></p> <p>According to preliminary assessments by the Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS), more than 10,602 families have been affected by the floods across Afghanistan. The disaster has resulted in 161 fatalities, 230 injuries, and a number of missing persons. Housing has been heavily impacted, with more than 10,000 houses reported as either completely or partially damaged, leaving a large number of families without adequate shelter (IFRC, 12 April 2026). Around 72% of those who lost their homes are currently staying with host communities, while others remain in open areas without proper protection. (OCHA, 16 April 2026).</p> <p>The situation is particularly critical in eastern and southeastern parts of the country. Here, damaged infrastructure, restricted mobility, and strong dependence on local livelihoods limit people’s ability to relocate, leaving many communities isolated and with reduced access to essential services (OCHA, 9 &amp; 16 April 2026). At the same time, protection concerns are increasing. Affected populations are experiencing growing psychological stress and are resorting to negative coping strategies, including reducing spending on basic needs and taking on debt. Host communities, who are accommodating the majority of displaced</p>	<p>Number of organisations present in-country: 15</p> <p>Number of organisations with external funding experience (both CSF and DERF grants): 10</p> <p>Number of organisations present in specific localities: 15</p>	<p>Critical emergency and/or protection needs: Yes</p> <p>Particularly vulnerable groups: Yes</p> <p>Timeliness of potential DERF funded intervention : Yes</p> <p>Significant funding gap exist: Yes</p> <p>DERF funds available: Yes</p>

	<p>Health Cluster Afghanistan, Flood Situation Report #1, 13/4/2026</p> <p>IFRC, Afghanistan flash floods 2026, 12/4/2026</p> <p>WHO, Emergency Situation Report, Afghanistan, March 2026</p>	<p>families, are increasingly overstretched and struggling to cope with the additional pressure (OCHA, 16 April 2026)</p> <p><b>Prioritised Emergency Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifesaving assistance – acute food aid and safe drinking water</li> <li>• Emergency shelter and non-food item (NFI) assistance, including provision of basic household items and temporary shelter solutions</li> <li>• Emergency health assistance, emergency education and protection support</li> <li>• Resettlement and transitional assistance, multipurpose cash-based assistance</li> <li>• WASH assistance – including basic water management infrastructure</li> </ul> <p><b>Vulnerability</b></p> <p>Vulnerable groups include populations affected by the floods, particularly those whose homes have been damaged or destroyed and those facing limited access to services due to infrastructure damage and access constraints. This includes households with small children, elderly persons, pregnant and lactating women, persons with disabilities, and populations at increased risk of disease due to unsafe water and sanitation conditions.</p> <p><b>Funding Situation</b></p> <p>The humanitarian response to the recent floods in Afghanistan is taking place in a context of already overstretched systems and limited resources. While response efforts are ongoing, available funding for Afghanistan remains grossly insufficient to meet the growing needs. Operational and logistical constraints further limit the scale and speed of assistance, particularly within critical sectors such as health and WASH. Additional funding is therefore required to address urgent humanitarian needs, ensure the availability of essential supplies, and enable a continued scale-up of lifesaving assistance in affected areas. (WHO, March 2026).</p> <p><b>Humanitarian Access</b></p> <p>Humanitarian access varies significantly across the country and is shaped not only by the immediate impacts of the floods, but also by long-standing structural challenges. These include decades of conflict, protracted displacement, ongoing population movements, widespread poverty, food insecurity, and overall underdevelopment, all of which further complicate access conditions.</p> <p>Given the rapidly changing situation, including road blockages and communication disruptions caused by the floods, DERF applicants and implementing partners are advised to rely on locally updated information when assessing access to specific geographic areas.</p> <p>DERF applicants and partnerships are reminded to carefully consider their operational capabilities vis-à-vis possible ongoing DERF- or externally funded operations addressing the impacts of cross-border tensions with Pakistan and the Iran conflict spillover effects and as always match contextual specificity with chosen intervention design.</p>	<p><b>Recommend:</b> Activate DERF.</p>
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