**Alert Type:** Spike in protracted crisis
**Alert Title:** Spike in Gaza: winter storm floods displacement sites

**Alerting Organisation(s):** The Danish House in Palestine
**Date Received:** 15.11.26
**Decision Date**: 17.11.26
**By:** DERF Fund Management

**Crisis country and location(s):** Occupied Palestinian Territory (oPt) – Gaza Strip, including displacement sites affected by severe winter storms and flooding.

**Decision:** Not to activate the DERF to respond to the humanitarian consequences of the November 2026 winter storm and flooding in the Gaza Strip.

**Reason:**

DERF acknowledges the serious humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip and the further deterioration of humanitarian conditions following the winter storm and flooding from 6 to 8 November 2026. The storm flooded displacement sites and damaged or destroyed shelters, leaving thousands of already displaced families facing urgent needs for shelter, essential household items, sanitation and other humanitarian assistance.

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.