Alert Type: Slow onset crisis
Alert Title: Emergency food and cash assistance for drought-affected families in Tharparkar and Umerkot, Sindh, Pakistan
Alerting Organisation(s): Charity for Life
Date Received: 16.11.26
Decision Date: 17.11.26
By: DERF Fund Management

Crisis country and location(s): Pakistan – Tharparkar and Umerkot Districts, Sindh Province

Decision: Not to activate the DERF to respond to the drought-related humanitarian crisis affecting families in Tharparkar and Umerkot, Sindh, Pakistan.

Reason:

DERF acknowledges the serious humanitarian situation in Tharparkar and Umerkot Districts, Sindh, Pakistan, following the failure of the 2026 monsoon rains. Severe rainfall deficits and extensive crop losses have worsened food insecurity and placed additional pressure on vulnerable households. Families face urgent needs for food, safe drinking water, healthcare and support to protect their remaining livelihoods.

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.