

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

**Title:** Colombia Earthquake

**Country and location(s):** Colombia – Earthquake-affected areas

**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 18.08.26 until 08.09.26 at 12:00 noon CEST.

**Funds allocated for this call:** The DERF allocates a total of up to **DKK 2 million** for this call. Applicants can apply for **maximum of 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                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <p><b>Title:</b><br/>Colombia Earthquake</p> <p><b>Country &amp; locations:</b><br/>Colombia – Earthquake-affected areas</p> | <p><b>Alert Type:</b><br/>Local Alert</p> <p><b>Alerting Organisation:</b><br/>Mi Cuerpo</p> <p><b>Crisis Start:</b><br/>10 Aug 2026</p> <p><b>Sources supplemented with:</b><br/><br/>OCHA Flash Update No. 007, 17 Aug 2026)<br/><br/>IFRC GO, 10 Aug 2026)</p> | Rapid Onset | <p><b>Background</b><br/>A 7.4 magnitude earthquake struck western Colombia on 10 August 2026. The earthquake had its epicentre in Chocó in western Colombia, but impacts have been reported across 15 departments and 472 municipalities. The four priority departments are Risaralda, Valle del Cauca, Chocó and Caldas, while impacts have also been reported in Cauca and Nariño to the south, Putumayo to the southeast, Antioquia to the north, as well as Norte de Santander, Bolívar and Sucre further north and east. Applicants are required to justify their proposed areas of intervention and explain how the targeted populations have been affected by the earthquake. (<i>Sources: OCHA Flash Update No. 007, 17 Aug 2026; IFRC GO, 10 Aug 2026; UN News, 12 Aug 2026</i>)</p> <p>The full extent of the damage is still emerging, and the numbers are expected to rise. Many remote communities have not yet been assessed due to damaged access roads. The most affected departments already faced significant humanitarian challenges related to poverty, displacement, conflict and food insecurity, leaving many communities with limited capacity to absorb new shocks. (<i>Source: UN News, 12 Aug 2026; OCHA Flash Update No. 006, 14 Aug 2026</i>)</p> <p><b>Humanitarian Impact</b><br/>According to official data, at least 186,182 people (121,470 families), including Afro-Colombian and Indigenous communities, have been affected by the disaster. A total of 304 deaths, 4,400 injuries, 426 missing persons and 26,558 destroyed homes have been reported, and the numbers are expected to rise. Extensive damage to health facilities, schools and other critical infrastructure has further disrupted access to essential services, generating urgent needs for health assistance, temporary shelter, food security, WASH and education in emergencies. (<i>Source: OCHA Flash Update No. 007, 17 Aug 2026</i>)</p> | <p>Number of organisations present in-country: 12</p> <p>Number of organisations with external funding experience (both CSF and DERF grants): 8</p> <p>Number of organisations present in specific localities: 5</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 exists: Yes</p> <p>DERF funds available: Yes</p> |

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|  | <p>UN News, 12 Aug 2026</p> <p>OCHA Flash Update No. 006, 14 Aug 2026.</p> <p>IFRC Emergency Appeal, Colombia: Earthquake 2026</p> <p>European Commission, 12 Aug 2026</p> | <p><b>Prioritized Emergency Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Emergency shelter and NFIs</b> for families whose homes have been destroyed or damaged.</li> <li>• <b>Health assistance</b>, including medicines, medical supplies and psychosocial support.</li> <li>• <b>WASH</b>, including safe drinking water, hygiene kits and restoration of damaged water systems.</li> <li>• <b>Unconditional cash assistance</b> to enable affected households to meet their most urgent needs and support recovery.</li> <li>• <b>Food assistance</b> for affected households.</li> <li>• <b>Protection</b>, including Psychological First Aid (PFA), child protection and support for other vulnerable groups.</li> <li>• <b>Education in emergencies</b>, including school kits, psychosocial support and continuity of education.</li> </ul> <p><b>Vulnerability</b><br/>All people directly affected by the earthquake are considered vulnerable. Attention should be given to pregnant and lactating women, children, older persons, people with disabilities, internally displaced persons (IDPs), and Indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities. <i>(Sources: UN News, 12 Aug 2026; OCHA Flash Update No. 006, 14 Aug 2026)</i></p> <p><b>Funding Situation</b><br/>Colombia's National Unit for Disaster Risk Management (UNGRD) has requested international humanitarian assistance to complement national response capacities. International support has already been mobilized through humanitarian partners and bilateral donors, while additional contributions continue to be confirmed. Given the scale of the disaster, the geographical spread of affected areas, and the significant damage to housing and critical infrastructure, substantial humanitarian needs remain despite the response already mobilized <i>(Sources: OCHA Flash Update No. 006, 14 Aug 2026; IFRC Emergency Appeal 2026; European Commission, 12 Aug 2026)</i></p> <p><b>Humanitarian Access</b><br/>Damage to roads, bridges and other infrastructure continues to hamper access to some affected areas, particularly remote and rural communities. Challenges also persist in identifying the needs of populations in rural areas where the presence of non-state armed groups (NSAGs) may pose security risks and hinder humanitarian access and assessment efforts. <i>(Source: OCHA Flash Update No. 006, 14 Aug 2026)</i></p> | <p><b>Recommend</b><br/>Activate DERF.</p> |
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