**THE danish emergency relief fund**

**Alert note**

**Guide to submission of alerts**

NB: Only Danish organization with local presence either through partner organisations or own organisation in the affected areas can raise an alert.

Please read the Danish Emergency Relief Fund’s Funding Guidelines before submitting an alert (the Funding Guidelines are available here: [www.cisu.dk/derf](http://www.cisu.dk/derf))

**Instructions:**

To raise an alert please complete section A: Basic information

And

* section B for rapid onset humanitarian crisis

or

* section C for slow onset humanitarian crisis

or

* section D for spike in a protracted humanitarian crisis

Please note that the alert note must be completed with as much information as possible. CISU will need comprehensive information in order to assess the alert. However, do not hesitate to alert the DERF even when information is limited.

When completed send the alert and relevant documentation (should be described in section b.3, c.3 or d.3) to derf@cisu.dk

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| *Formalities regarding the alert text (section b, c or d):** *NUMBER OF PAGES: The text must not take up more than 1,5 pages (Arial, font size 11, line spacing 1.0, margins: top 3 cm, bottom 3 cm, right 2 cm and left 2 cm). Alerts exceeding this length will be rejected.*
* *LANGUAGE: The text can only be submitted to CISU in English.*
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**Section A: Basic information**

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| Organisation: | *Which organisation is alerting the DERF with this note: CARE DK* |
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| Type of crisis: | * *slow onset humanitarian crisis (please fill out section B)*

*x rapid onset humanitarian crisis (please fill out section C)** *spike in protracted humanitarian crisis (please fill out section D)*
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| Affected country(-ies): | Niger |
| Affected area(s): | All regions (Tillabéry, Niamey, Dosso, Maradi, Tahoua, Agadez, Zinder et Diffa) are affected.  |
| Affected population(s): | 432.613 persons across 8 districts |
| Please describe the nature of your organisation’s local presence and capacities in the affected area(s): | CARE DK has local presence in Niger through the CARE Niger country office. CARE Niger works with local CSO’s in both development and humanitarian response. CARE Niger thus has a good national reach and are able to respond to the current flooding.  |
| Please provide a brief description of the crisis:  | On 20 August, the Niger River left its bed in several places causing extensive damage and loss of life. The heavy rain has continued through September, worsening the situation. In Niamey the river dike broke in the beginning of September causing even more flooding, significantly affecting very poor areas of the city. The government of Niger’s assessment shows that 52.404 households 432.613 people are affected. The worst hit regions are Maradi, Agadez and the capital Niamey, but across the country houses have been damaged or collapsed and rice paddies, vegetable gardens, cattle and other key livelihood sources have been destroyed.Affected people have been moved to schools for shelter, thus increasing exposure to COVID-19, malaria, hygiene related diseases as well as GBV. According to the Minister of Humanitarian Action and Disaster Management more than 200,000 people are currently not receiving the needed humanitarian aid. The affected populations need food, shelter, non-food items and protection materials against COVID-19 as well as support to rebuilding their houses |
| Please indicate whether you intend to submit a proposal for funding should the DERF be activated for this crisis | CARE Intends to submit a proposal for funding |

**Section B: Rapid onset humanitarian crisis:**

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| b.1 Where is the crisis? *Describe the areas affected*All regions (Tillabéry, Niamey, Dosso, Maradi, Tahoua, Agadez, Zinder et Diffa) are affected. A government breakdown of affected per region is attached to the alert note. b.2 What is the nature of the crisis? Flooding due to heavy rain since mid-July has caused extensive damage and loss of life. According to a communication from the Minister of Humanitarian Action and Disaster Management, affected populations need food, shelter, non-food items and protection materials against COVID-19. The Minister stressed the need to use masks due to the difficulty in respecting social distance at relocation sites. b.3 What information do you have about the situation? What is the source of that information? Information provided in this (second) alert is from both government of Niger, UNOCHA, ECHO and CARE Niger sitreps on the flooding. The information can be found the following placesGovernment breakdown of people affected per region (attached)UNOCHA Niger – Flash Update # 2 - <https://reliefweb.int/report/niger/ocha-niger-flash-update-2-bilan-des-inondations-au-7-septembre-2020-au-niger-0> ECHO Map of flooding - <https://reliefweb.int/map/niger/west-and-central-africa-floods-dg-echo-daily-map-16092020> ACAPS analysis for START Network - <https://startprogrammes.app.box.com/s/az4whi0mf6n9dl75a46el9sgcnnd2g47> b.3.1. Describe as specific as possible when the crisis has started. The heavy rains began in July 2020. On 12 August 2020 the local flood of the Niger River observed in Niamey exceeded the critical threshold known as "red alert rating set at 620 cm for a flow rate of 2,512 m3/s". On 20 August, the Niger River left its bed in several places causing extensive damage and loss of life in addition to those caused by flooding directly due to torrential rains. The rains have continued through September, worsening the situation and causing further displacement.b.3.2. How could DERF grants make a difference for the crisis affected population?*Please consider the following points:** *Rapid disbursement*
* *Short intervention (0-9 month)*
* *Meeting needs of hard to reach populations not catered for by other donors*

The DERF will make a significant contribution towards meeting the immediate needs of the affected population, particularly within food security, distribution of health and non-food items and protection of displaced vulnerable groups as well as COVID-19 protection in the cramped relocation sites. Although several organisations are involved in the response, the needs far exceed the current response capacity and the government of Niger has called for NGO’s to support. Due to the overwhelming needs, it is recommended that the DERF prioritise life saving support through rapid disbursements of food, non-food and health/hygiene materials. The START Network was alerted with a decision not to fund because of the nationwide impact of the disaster and the flooding thus not constituting a small-scale disaster. The DERF does not suffer from this limitation and activation of it will thus fill a critical gap that enables local CSO’s to provide much needed humanitarian response.  |