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| **Alert Type:** Slow-onset Crisis**Alert** **Title:** El Niño-induced drought crisis in Mozambique**Alerting Organisation(s):** Vedvarende Energi (Sustainable Energy)**Date Received:** 11-07-2024**Decision Date**: 31-07-2024**By:** DERF Fund Management**Crisis country and location(s):** Mozambique**Decision:** Not to activate the DERF to respond to the situation in Mozambique**Reason:**The El Niño phenomenon is causing a widespread drought in the Southern African region. To this effect the DERF opened a call for proposals under the reference ‘24-004-SO Severe Drought in Zimbabwe, Zambia & Malawi’ with an application window from 24th April – 15th May 2024. During the assessment of the alert resulting in the subsequent call for proposals was the deliberation of the extent of the witnessed drought crisis. Albeit a number of countries were and are affected, including Angola, Botswana, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Lesotho, Zambia, and Zimbabwe, the DERF concentrated its call for proposals on the worst-affected countries in the region, namely Malawi, Zambia & Zimbabwe. This was in part due to the fact that some countries, hereunder Madagascar and Mozambique were simultaneously affected by flooding (SADC Regional Humanitarian Appeal, May 2024). In short, the drought crisis described and referenced as part of the submitted alert rests on assessment and deliberations already conducted by the DERF Management.In addition, the DERF Management on 10th June 2024 announced a temporary halt to the submission of alerts – until the 31st July 2024. *Therefore, the DERF management team has decided NOT to receive further alerts from now on and until the 31st of July 2024, when work is resumed after the summer break* [*https://cisu.dk/puljer/derf-danish-emergency-relief-fund/news-from-derf/#/news/the-derf-is-temporary-closing-down-for-new-crisis-alerts-484895*](https://cisu.dk/puljer/derf-danish-emergency-relief-fund/news-from-derf/#/news/the-derf-is-temporary-closing-down-for-new-crisis-alerts-484895)Notwithstanding arguments related to the humanitarian imperative, alerts received up until such date could in itself warrant the decision of not to activate the DERF by opening a call for proposals, in this case with the additional caveats of having opened the April-May ‘severe drought call’ alluded to above. |