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| **Alert Type:** Spike in a Protracted Crisis  **Alert** **Title:** Gaza Humanitarian crisis: Help needed now  **Alerting Organisation(s): Støtteforeningen Det Danske Hus i Palæstina**  **Date Received:** 17-10-2023  **Decision Date**: 23-10-2023  **By:** DERF Fund Management  **Crisis country and location(s):** Gaza, OpT/Israel  **Decision:** Not to activate the DERF to respond to the situation in Gaza  **Reason:**  The DERF has thoroughly assessed the alert by *Støtteforeningen Det Danske Hus i Palæstina* and concluded not to activate a call for applications, based on the following reason:   * The situation is premature for the DERF to respond to. While the context is very fluid, there are grave uncertainties about how the conflict will develop in the coming days. The ‘*need for a ceasefire’* as described in the alert note is certainly valid but it has not yet materialised. For now, only the large and most influential humanitarian organisations such as UN, hereunder UNRWA as well as the ICRC are having access to the established humanitarian corridor to Gaza. For civil society actors, such access is not possible for the time being. * In the current situation, there is a high risk of doing more harm than good until humanitarian access becomes feasible. In addition, the DERF is concerned about the dire humanitarian development scenario in Gaza and the risks it puts on potential local implementers of DERF-funded interventions.   The DERF monitors the situation in Gaza closely and intends to provide funding for opening a call for the humanitarian crisis in Gaza when circumstances around humanitarian access allows. |