Salient One analysis

Southern Africa and Indian Ocean (SAIO) — Humanitarian Implementation Plan 2026

Donor: European Commission — DG ECHO

Location: Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Deadline: Rolling applications

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Call description

Purpose: Humanitarian emergency response, disaster preparedness and anticipatory action across the SAIO region. Applies to: Southern Africa and Indian Ocean (SAIO).

Target location: Southern Africa and Indian Ocean (SAIO), regional programme. Applies to: Southern Africa and Indian Ocean (SAIO).

Target location: Southern Africa and Indian Ocean (SAIO) region — Regional implementation geography covering Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Funding and response priorities

The total call funding is EUR 41,500,000 (Indicative 2026 HIP allocation, with an indicative EiE sub-allocation.) — The Commission may award less than all available funds or allocate funds to regional or multi-country interventions; the indicative breakdown may be adjusted within limits for emerging needs.

Lot funding: Maximum EUR 29,500,000 (Indicative ceiling for allocation round 1.) — Indicative amount; up to the ceiling. Applies to: Allocation round 1.

Lot funding: Maximum EUR 6,500,000 (Indicative ceiling for allocation round 2.) — Indicative amount; up to the ceiling. Applies to: Allocation round 2.

Activities

Required activities — Allocation round 3:

- Anticipatory action and early response to mitigate El Niño impacts, mainly on food security, through a multisectoral response.

Priority activities — Allocation round 3; Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe:

- Use cash and vouchers to the greatest possible extent; deliver emergency livelihood support as much as possible before planting season to protect production and livelihoods and support resilience.

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Required activities — Southern Africa and Indian Ocean (SAIO):

- Provide integrated, people-centred, multisector life-saving assistance for conflict, natural hazards and disease outbreaks, focusing on acute food insecurity (IPC3+), acute malnutrition, health crises, epidemics and forced displacement.

Who can apply

Applicants must be DG ECHO partners. Applies to: DG ECHO Partners.

NGO partner organisation: Excluded: No award if audited financial statements were not submitted to the Commission on time without proper justification; No award if liquidity and solvency ratios in the latest externally audited annual statutory accounts do not provide sufficient guarantee of financial capacity.

Potential partner for allocation round 2 — required: Submitted a proposal under allocation round 1. Applies to: Allocation round 2; Partners that submitted proposals under allocation round 1.

Conditions that materially affect an application

Awards using EU funds — required: Comply with applicable Conditionality Measures; Excluded: Legal commitments under direct or indirect management with public-interest trusts established under Hungarian Act IX of 2021 and affiliated entities maintained by them.

Multi-year funding action — required: Full budget committed upfront; Demonstrate additional efficiency gains; monitor them during implementation and report them in the final report; Minimum 24 months.

Do not infer equal weighting.

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Submission and timing

Start date: 1 January 2026 — Action start and cost eligibility date; not a Single Form submission date. Applies to: Allocation round 1.

Applications are submitted through APPEL.

Start date: 1 January 2026 — Action start and cost eligibility date; not a Single Form submission date. Applies to: Allocation round 2.

Start date: 1 October 2026 — Action start and cost eligibility date; not a Single Form submission date. Applies to: Allocation round 3.

Submission format: Single Form; new requests or modifications of ongoing actions.

Sources

ec.europa.eu - Call document

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