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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to Forests of the World (FoW)'s activities in Honduras

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark provides support for a project under Civil Society in Development (CISU)'s pooled fund. The project is implemented by Forests of the World (FoW) and a local partner, Fundación Parque Nacional Pico Bonito (FUPNAPIB), with the aim of promoting the protection of the rights of indigenous people and natural resources in Honduras. DKK 2,999,716 has been granted for the period 2021-2023, of which DKK 1,306,883 has been disbursed to FUPNAPIB.

During a financial monitoring visit in december 2021, FoW discovered irregularities related to mismanagement of consultancy contracts including undocumented expenses. The amount under suspicion is DKK 84,194.

FoW has conducted several financial monitoring visits to further investigate the irregularities, which confirmed the suspicion. FUPNAPIB has reimbursed all non-eligible funds and FoW has decided to end the partnership with FUPNAPIB.

A follow-up report will be forwarded when there are further developments in the case.