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## **Irregularities in activities related to the Danida Business Partnership Programme in Kenya**

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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to NetCom Group A/S activities in Kenya. The Danish partner, Netcom Group A/S, and the Kenyan partner, African eDevelopment Resource Centre Ltd., were granted DKK 3,984,561 for the period 2012-2016 to start a joint venture named MicroWorld NetCom Ltd. with the purpose of creating a high-end IT training provider in Kenya.

In June 2017, the director of the joint venture informed the Embassy that she had not been paid which was confirmed at a project evaluation meeting between the Embassy and the Danish partner on 15 June 2017. A representative of the Danish partner informed the Embassy that the understanding was that a part of the money claimed for the director was to be reinvested in the joint venture to enlarge the activities. The director of the joint venture disputed this. The embassy then contracted KPMG Denmark for a forensic audit of the expenses triggered by the local partner's report to the Embassy. The audit confirmed that the director had not been paid DKK 173,056 for her services in the period April-December 2016 even though hours have been reclaimed reimbursed.

The Embassy has in numerous attempts requested for the refund from the Danish partner but in 2022 the Danish partner went bankrupt. The bankruptcy estate was ended in November 2022 and there was no dividend for the creditors.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs thus regards the case as closed with a loss of Danish funds amounting to DKK 173,056.