

## Confiscation of solar panels, Palestine

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Reference is made to a previous report dated 11 September 2018, regarding confiscation by the Israeli Military of solar panels from a project supported by DanChurchAid (DCA). The total allocation for the project in question is DKK 1,606,000 (USD 250,000), of which Danida has provided DKK 401,500 (USD 62,500).

A part of the confiscated equipment has been released, though the main part is still held by the Israeli military. The value of the unreleased material is estimated at DKK 20,201.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark has raised the issue with Israeli authorities. Furthermore, DCA and local partners have been exhausting legal avenues for release of the remaining equipment with no positive result. In the absence of release of the confiscated solar panel equipment, DCA took steps to re-secure access to basic electricity for the community affected by the confiscation. Furthermore, DCA has supported affected families with regard to legal aid and advice, so that they were able to advocate for release of the remaining confiscated items.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs regards the case as closed with a loss of Danish funds amounting to DKK 20,201.