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Follow-up on suspicion of irregularity in partner organisation of the Financial Sector Deepening Trust, Tanzania

Reference is made to the latest report dated 24 February 2022 regarding allegations against the National Identification Authority (NIDA) concerning suspected mismanagement of a grant from the Financial Sector Deepening Trust (FSDT). Denmark has supported FSDT with DKK 75,000,000. FSDT supported NIDA with approximately DKK 18,390,000 of which approximately DKK 1,100,027 of the Danish share of the support is under suspicion.

In April 2021, the Controller and Auditor General of Tanzania (CAG) had finalised a report on the investigation of the allegations. The report identified a number of weaknesses, such as suspected overstatement of incurred expenditure, lack of proper approval of procurement, and that some funds might have been utilized for activities not related to the contract between NIDA and FSDT.

As the CAG has not yet concluded on the NIDA responses to the issues raised, it has been agreed that FSDT will engage an external independent auditor to perform an agreed upon procedure audit, which can confirm to FSDT the status on the utilisation of the funds.

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