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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to a Water Resource Users Association funded by the Water Sector Trust Fund in Kenya

Reference is made to the previous report dated 15 May 2023, regarding the Danish grant to the Water Sector Trust Fund (WSTF) under the Green Growth and Employment Programme of DKK 65 million for the period 2016-2021, of which the full amount has been disbursed. The aim of the project is to improve access to water and sanitation services and management of water resources in parts of Kenya.

A sub-grantee, the Water Resource Users Association (WRUA), is under allegations of having misappropriated its full grant, approximately DKK 326,391. A legal process involving a criminal case for the persons involved is ongoing in the Kenyan courts.

WSTF now implements its projects through organizations with stronger financial management capacities to avoid similar occurrences in the future. Since the project closed in 2022, the Danish Embassy in Kenya has so far received a refund of the unspent balances in the project. WSTF are following up on the court case through the Kenyan court system. The Embassy is ensuring that WSTF has set up mitigation measures and implement them to avoid occurrences of similar issues under the current or future projects.

A new report will be forwarded when there are further developments in the case.