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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to Legal Service Facility activities, Tanzania

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark provides support to the Legal Service Facility (LSF) with the aim of providing access to justice throughout Tanzania for the period 2022-2023. DKK 30,000,000 was granted and disbursed in the period 2022-2023. For the financial year 2022-2023, LSF sub-granted DKK 33,387 to a paralegal organisation.

As part of the ongoing LSF monitoring process of the organisation, LSF noted that third party documents were missing for an amount equivalent to DKK 9,773. Therefore, it could not be established whether the activities had taken place. LSF immediately stopped funding and a demand letter was issued.

The organisation had a new leadership, who reported the matter to the police, and who accepted to refund the full amount. The amount has since been partially reimbursed.

To proceed with the matter, LSF has engaged an independent auditor to perform an agreed upon procedure audit to receive an independent assessment on the matter, after which the next steps will be determined.

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