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Suspicion of irregularities in research project managed by partner of Danida Fellowship Centre in Ghana

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs provides grants for development research activities. Danida Fellowship Centre (DFC) is responsible for the management of research support including management of grants. Tamale, University of Development Studies in Ghana (Tamale) received a grant covering the period 2021-2026 amounting to DKK 3,853,220 of which DKK 1,439,095 has been transferred to the university. A first report on the case was not made public due to the risk of impact on an ongoing investigation.

DFC received allegations regarding irregularities in relation to a project at Tamale. The allegations were regarding possible underpayment of PhD salaries, outstanding transfers of funds to secondary partners and various other issues in relation to the project. The amount under suspicion was estimated at around DKK 360,000. DFC launched an internal investigation in order to gather further information.

The investigation and financial review concluded that the financial management processes were appropriate without identified evidence of financial leakage. Danida Fellowship Centre has initiated a process in collaboration with the project partners to follow up on other aspects of the review.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs thus regards the case as closed without loss of Danish funds.