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Irregularities in relation to Mission East's activities in Nepal

Mission East is a Strategic Partner to The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, and part of its Nepal portfolio, focusing on fragile contexts and displacement, is implemented via the organisations, Kirdarc and Women Welfare Service (WWS). DKK 349,501.97 has been disbursed to Kirdarc and DKK 167,174.61 has been disbursed to WWS in 2022.

In 2022, Mission East finance staff discovered fraud in relation to expense settlements after a capacity building seminar. The total sum of misappropriations (overpayments) amounted to DKK 8,000 and had been disbursed to employees from Kirdarc and WWS.

Kirdarc and WWS carried out reliable investigations into the matter and have taken measures related to involved staff, including dismissals. The involved employees repaid the full amounts. Mission East staff in Nepal have verified that the practice was only related to the above mentioned seminar. To strengthen financial management procedures and controls, the local partners have implemented an audit follow-up action plan and Mission East Nepal is conducting more frequent field monitoring.

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