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## **Suspicion of irregularities in relation to Save the Children's activities in Yemen**

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark provides support for Red Barnet with the aim of helping children in Yemen. DKK 16,244,448 has been granted for the period 2017-2021 for Save the Children International's work in Yemen. Red Barnet and Save the Children International are both part of the Save the Children international alliance. Save the Children International is the operational platform of the alliance, and implements directly in Yemen.

Save the Children (SC) received a complaint from a beneficiary in the Al-Salam camp in Yemen, that a camp supervisor (local authority) was taking 5000 riyals (DKK 37) from beneficiaries in connection with cash distribution. A SC team investigated the case through review of documents, and they reached out to 12 out of 13 relevant beneficiaries through phone calls. Four responded and out of these 3 rejected to have been asked for money and one confirmed to have been asked to pay 5000 riyals in connection with her first instalment. She also confirmed to be the one who reported the complaint.

The investigation team concluded the allegation to be substantiated and recommended the programme team to exclude the camp supervisor from any future activities. The confirmed loss is DKK 37. The incident was discovered after the last Save the Children cash distribution at the said camp. After this distribution, there has been no further intervention at the camp. The Programme Manager is aware of the recommendation and the camp supervisor in question has been internally listed for exclusion in further interventions should Save the Children resume activities in the camp.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs thus regards the case as closed with a loss of Danish funds amounting to DKK 37.