



Suspicion of irregularities in relation to DanChurchAid's project in Kenya

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) supports DanChurchAid (DCA) through a strategic partnership for the period 2022-2025. The partnership with DCA involves a yearly grant of DKK 200 million. As part of the partnership, DCA supports a local organization in Kenya responsible for implementing a DANIDA-funded project. The total amount granted to the organization is DKK 15.5 million of which DKK 13.4 million has been disbursed to date.

In July 2022, DCA's Complaints Committee received an email with accusations of corruption in four projects funded by DCA and implemented by the local organization. The accusations included nepotism and embezzlement during recruitment processes, including conflict of interest, as well as overpayment of per diems to staff and misappropriation of funds. The amount under suspicion is DKK 68,487.69.

DCA initiated an external forensic audit to investigate the accusations. The auditors found that most of the accusations were unsubstantiated except for those concerning conflict of interest. More specifically, the auditors found that a leading staff member had authorized payments to a transport company co-owned by one of the staff members. DCA suspected that the company was not properly prequalified and that the choice of transport company was not cost effective. However, according to the external forensic audit, there was no evidence of nepotism.

The organization in Kenya has agreed to declare the above-mentioned costs for transport ineligible, and has paid back the outstanding amount to DCA. Finally, the organization agreed to partake in capacity building sessions with DCA to avoid future incidents of conflict of interest in procurement procedures.

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