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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to DanChurch Aid's local partner in Central African Republic.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) supports DanChurch Aid (DCA) through a strategic partnership for the period 2022-2025. The partnership involves a yearly grant to DCA of DKK 200 million. As part of the partnership, DCA implements projects in the Central African Republic (CAR) with the aim of improving food security. A total of DKK 800,000 has been granted for the project.

In December 2022, the DCA country director in CAR received a complaint regarding a DCA field staff who had handed out cash assistance vouchers to local community members that were not on the approved lists of beneficiaries. After internal investigation, DCA concluded that seven people who were not approved beneficiaries had received cash assistance. The total amount under suspicion was DKK 7,986.

The contract of the DCA employee under initial suspicion ended as planned in January, 2023 and has not been renewed. DCA later learned that the DCA field staff initially under suspicion was not the subject of concern as he had not changed the list, nor did he have any relationship with the 'unintended' beneficiaries. The seven intended beneficiaries of cash assistance who did not receive vouchers have been compensated under a similar programme sponsored by EU ECHO (European Commission Humanitarian Aid and Civil protection). Following the incident, three staff members from DCA HQ completed a monitoring visit to DCA's country office in CAR, which recommended how to adjust DCA CAR's administrative procedures to prevent similar incidents in the future.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs thus regards the case as closed with a loss of Danish funds amounting to DKK 7,986.