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## **Suspicion of irregularities within the International Centre for Migration Policy Development Office in Jordan**

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark provides support for the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) with the aim of advancing the central migration data management in Jordan. DKK 13 million is granted to ICMPD for 2022-2024 of which DKK 3 million has been disbursed.

Upon an internal check, ICMPD notified the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs in July 2023 about suspicions of financial irregularities and illegal practices within their Jordan Office against ICMPD.

The nature and extent of the actions have afterwards been clarified with the conclusion of a forensic audit. The total amount identified was approx. DKK 2.5 million including funds from different donors. ICMPD has assessed and documented their specific effects on all projects managed by the Jordan Office, indicating that a total of DKK 277,928 of Danish funding has been identified as forged. The forged transactions are related to office costs and contributions to social security and income taxes.

ICMPD initiated a criminal complaint to the Public Prosecutor of Amman in December 2023. The case is ongoing under the Magistrate Court. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark will continue to follow the case in dialogue with ICMPD.

ICMPD reimbursed the full amount to the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

ICMPD has started an internal process to strengthen internal controls and ensure better safeguards. The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs will remain in close dialogue with ICMPD to follow up on the adjustments of internal procedures and the results of the legal proceedings.

A new report will be forwarded when there are further developments in the case.

