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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to DCA's activities in Zimbabwe

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) has a strategic partnership with DanChurchAid (DCA) for the period 2022-2025. The partnership involves a yearly grant of DKK 200 million. DCA has supported a local NGO, Gweru Residents Forum (GRF), in Zimbabwe, to strengthen service delivery and Covid-19 response by local authorities through dialogue meetings with citizens, training and advocacy. The project period ran from January to December 2022, and DKK 258,494 was disbursed to GRF during this period.

During a routine financial monitoring visit to GRF in March 2023, representatives from DCA's country office in Zimbabwe discovered a series of irregular transactions in GRF's accounting records. After having contacted a number of venue suppliers and workshop attendees, DCA confirmed that GRF had submitted false receipts and invoices related to non-existing conferences. The amount under suspicion is USD 11,955 equivalent to DKK 80,994.

Based on a review of all relevant case material, including financial monitoring reports and audit reports, DCA has decided to terminate the partnership with GRF. GRF has refunded all misappropriated funds to DCA.

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