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## Suspicion of irregularities at CARE Denmark's local partner in Tanzania

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The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs had a strategic partnership with CARE Denmark for the period 2018-2021 with an annual grant of DKK 54 million. CARE Denmark supported a project in Tanzania through their local partner, CARE Tanzania. The total four-year support to the project by CARE Denmark was approx. DKK 16,008,856 out of which approx. DKK 2,613,344 was transferred to the local implementing partner, Tanzania Natural Resource Forum (TNRF).

Through a whistle-blower mechanism, CARE Denmark was, in January 2023, informed about irregularities concerning both an employee at CARE Tanzania and one of their local implementing partners, TNRF. The whistle-blower claimed that the management of TNRF has misappropriated funds, including possible double funding of salaries and lack of payment of employee taxes. The suspected amount is DKK 157,413. The whistle-blower also claimed that an employee at CARE Tanzania was aware of the misappropriation without informing management.

CARE Tanzania initiated an internal investigation led by CARE International. The investigation found that funds from the project had been transferred to another account of TNRF and had been used to hire non-project related staff instead of paying their statutory obligations, such as pension and taxes, to local authorities for the project employees.

The investigation also found that CARE Tanzania should have taken appropriate action based on the knowledge of the non-payment of the statutory obligations. The CARE employee had allegedly not included the misappropriation in the financial reporting to CARE Denmark, because the matter was believed to be solely between TNRF and the local authorities.

After the investigation, TNRF has signed a letter of commitment confirming that they will pay the remaining DKK 83,000 and initiated payments.

In addition, CARE Tanzania has initiated a process of strengthening their internal monitoring and controls of expenditures by local partners.

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

