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

Reference is made to the previous report dated 29 July 2024 regarding irregularities concerning both an employee at CARE Tanzania and one of their local implementing partners, Tanzania Natural Resource Forum (TNRF). The irregularities concerned misappropriated funds, including possible double funding of salaries and lack of payment of employee taxes. The total four-year support to the project by CARE Denmark was DKK 16,008,856 out of which DKK 2,613,344 was disbursed to TNRF.

The investigation found that DKK 157,413 was transferred from the project account and used to pay 'core support staff,' which was not in accordance with the approved budget. The funds should instead have been paid to the relevant authorities handling insurance, taxes, and pension.

CARE Tanzania and TNRF were in dialogue about reimbursement of the outstanding amount. In August 2024, the reimbursement was completed to the authorities, and an expenditure verification report was forwarded to the MFA. CARE Tanzania ended the cooperation with TNRF in April 2022. CARE Denmark have continued the partnership with CARE Tanzania, but have ensured additional financial monitoring visits.

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