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## **Suspicion of irregularities in a Danish Institute for Parties and Democracy (DIPD) supported project in Eswatini**

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Reference is made to the previous report dated 5 January 2024 regarding suspicions of irregularities in a grant provided by the Danish Institute for Parties and Democracy (DIPD). DIPD has supported a project in Eswatini, whereby the Danish Social Democratic Party (SDP) supports a local party, Swadepa, in Eswatini. The total funding for the project is DKK 600,000 of which DKK 544,025 was transferred to Swadepa.

A forensic audit concluded that funds and the management thereof were found either to be lacking documentation or suspected of fraud. The total amount under suspicion is DKK 334,000.

DIPD and SDP have decided to prepare a civil case against Swadepa. They have hired a lawyer and the civil case is being prepared.

A follow-up report will be forwarded when there are further developments in the case.