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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to save the Children's activities in Syria.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark provides support for Save the Children Denmark which operates through Save the Children International (SCI) through a local implementing partner with the aim of helping children in Syria's camps for the displaced. DKK 2,500,000 DKK has been granted for 2023, of which DKK 2,317,704 has been disbursed to the local partner called Ihsan.

SCI received an allegation that Ihsan, a local partner, might have been biased in choosing certain camps for humanitarian assistance. The report specifically mentioned that a camp in relative good condition continued to receive assistance, and that this selection might have been based on local politics. While awaiting further information, the total amount disbursed to Ihsan was found to be under suspicion.

An internal investigation was launched by the Save the Children's Syria Response office with supervision from Save the Children's regional office.

The investigation found that, although the conditions in the camp may be better than some other camps, there were still unmet humanitarian needs in the camp, and that the camp and beneficiaries were selected based on the agreed upon vulnerability criteria. The investigation reviewed targeting criteria, selection processes and compared across target areas.

On this background it was concluded that the allegations were found to be unsubstantiated.

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