



## **Irregularities in relation to Save the Children's activities in South Sudan**

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark supports Save the Children Denmark which implements through Save the Children International (SCI) in South Sudan to help communities adapt to climate change. DKK 1,917,435 has been granted for 2023, of which DKK 33,742 has been disbursed to a local flood committee in Maban, South Sudan.

As part of project implementation, SCI in South Sudan supported local committees in charge of preventing or responding to floods. The initial suspicion occurred during 2023 when members of a particular committee failed to show up in meetings and became unreachable by phone. SCI persisted in reaching out to committee members and one member confessed to an SCI representative that the committee members had misappropriated the funds for personal gain instead of using them for the intended project initiatives. The amount under suspicion is DKK 33,742.

Save the Children in South Sudan initiated a thorough investigation and went to the field locations to follow up on the suspicions. The investigation revealed that a number of committee members had either failed to procure what was agreed with the community, or simply divided the funds between themselves. SCI has ended the project which the committee was leading, and is further investigating the case in collaboration with South Sudanese traditional authorities.

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