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

Reference is made to the previous report dated 19 February 2025 regarding suspicions of irregularities on a grant to 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.

The allegation involved a committee member who was accused of a misappropriation of funds for personal gain instead of using them for the intended project initiatives. An investigation was initiated to conclude whether the claim was substantiated. The investigation found that the claim was substantiated and that the committee member had been misusing the funds. The confirmed amount is DKK 33,742.

SCI has ended the project which the committee was leading, and has since ensured continuous capacity building of community members receiving funds in the future projects. In addition, community members receive fraud awareness training prior to any work. The community member involved in the misuse of funds has been terminated from the position. Save the Children Denmark has revised the approach to community grants and updated the guidelines. SCI has covered the total loss of DKK 33,742.

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