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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to UNDP Funding Facility for Stabilization's activities in Iraq

Reference is made to the previous report dated 28 June 2024 regarding suspected irregularities under UNDP Funding Facility for Stabilization in Iraq. Approximately DKK 356,006,791 has been granted for the Funding Facility for Stabilization from 2016-2021.

The suspicion arose because of an article in the Guardian in January 2024, including allegations of bribes, unapproved subcontracting, and poor results management. The allegations published in the article, did not name specific individuals, projects, buildings, or locations. UNDP's Director for Office of Audit and Investigation (OAI) initiated an investigation of high risk projects financed by the fund in the past three years. The Resident Coordinator of the UNDP has informed the donor group that the investigation has been concluded without any findings of irregularities or financial loss to the Funding Facility.

OAI conducted a mission to Iraq in May 2024 to focus on procurement processes and control flows including audit reporting. UNDP also initiated a review to assess the management of FFS in Iraq. As a result, certain procedures have been improved to ensure overview, such as monitoring protocols and procurement thresholds.

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