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Suspected irregularities by Danish Family Planning Association's partner organisation in Ethiopia

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) supports the Danish Family Planning Association (DFPA) through a Strategic Partnership Agreement with a grant of DKK 88 million in the period 2022-2025. Through the Strategic Partnership Agreement, DFPA supports and works with sub-partners in Ethiopia, Uganda, and Kenya with the purpose of improving sexual and reproductive health and rights. In Ethiopia, DFPA works with the organization, NIKAT Charitable Organization (NIKAT), to implement the project "The Right To Safe Sex Work" in 2022-2025. DFPA has an agreement to support NIKAT with a total of DKK 1.2 million in the project implementation period. In 2022 and 2023 DFPA has disbursed a total of DKK 773,788.23 to NIKAT.

In February 2024, a whistle-blower informed DFPA that NIKAT severely lacked a segregation of duties and transparency in the finance department in the period December 2023 to February 2024. The allegations included severe lack of financial controls, and funds which had not been accounted for. The amount under suspicion was DKK 26,755.

DFPA froze disbursements and carried out a financial monitoring visit in March 2024. No evidence of misuse of funds was found, while DFPA concluded that some of the organization's financial controls could be strengthened. Therefore, DFPA and NIKAT agreed on an action plan for NIKAT to ensure the necessary segregation of duties and financial administration. Follow-up visits were conducted in November and December 2024, which concluded that the action plan had been implemented satisfactorily by NIKAT. DFPA will continue their partnership with NIKAT.

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