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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to DanChurchAid's activities in Nepal

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark provides support for DanChurchAid (DCA) which cooperates with Dalit Women's Rights Forum (DWRF) with the aim of providing access to services and resources, and promoting human rights for vulnerable women in Nepal. DKK 200 million a year has been granted to DCA through the Strategic Partnership Agreement for the period 2022-2025, of which DKK 1.516 million has been disbursed to DWRF.

Through a complaint issued by senior staff members from DWRF, DCA was informed about allegations of corruption under execution of contract, nepotism, and breach of contract. The allegations were related to rent of the DWRF's office building. The total amount under suspicion was DKK 11,306.

DWRF's finance officer conducted an internal investigation into the matter which concluded that the allegations of corruption and nepotism could not be sustained, meaning that there was ultimately no misuse of funds. However, the allegation of breach of contract was sustained, as a conflict of interest had not been declared to the DCA, as is required in the partnership contract. Thus, DCA issued a warning to DWRF stating that the partnership will be terminated in case of further contract breaches.

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