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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to MS Action Aid's local partner, Human Rights and Environmental Action Development, in Bangladesh

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) supported ActionAid Denmark (AADK) through a Strategic Partnership Agreement for the period 2017-2021. The agreement consisted of a yearly grant of DKK 124 million for the strengthening of civil society. AADK's partner organisation, ActionAid Bangladesh (AAB), provided a total grant of DKK 160,830 to a local organisation, Human Rights and Environmental Action Development (HEAD), to support young people with grants for starting small-scale businesses. In total, AAB has disbursed DKK 123,908 to HEAD.

Suspicion of irregularities was raised in October 2021 when a whistleblower report was received at ActionAid Bangladesh relating to HEAD. The report mentioned breach of contract, fraud, and document forgery. The amount under suspicion was DKK 12,433.

ActionAid Bangladesh immediately withheld remaining funds and investigated the matter, which confirmed the suspicion. The dialogue between ActionAid Bangladesh and HEAD resulted in repayment of part of the ineligible expenditure but HEAD was unable to repay the remaining balance of DKK 7,969. As a consequence of the case, the partnership between ActionAid Bangladesh and HEAD has been terminated. To prevent loss of Danish funds, ActionAid Bangladesh has decided to cover the remaining amount. Internally, AAB has strengthened financial management procedures relating to financial monitoring, capacity building, and audit practice to prevent similar incidences.

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