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## Suspicion of irregularities in relation to Plan International Egypt's activities in Egypt

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark provides support for Plan International Denmark, which supports Plan International Egypt (PIE) under the Danish-Arabic Partnership Programme. DKK 220 million has been granted to Plan International Denmark for the period 2022-2027, of which DKK 43,095,539 has been granted to PIE. DKK 19,591,194.18 has been disbursed to PIE in the period 2022-2024. PIE has entered into contract with Holol for Training and Development (DKK 657,520) and Super Fany for Consultation (DKK 349,620) with the aim of creating jobs for youth through job training.

PIE initiated an internal technical assessment of the service providers to assess the quality of the deliverables, its impact and the decency of the job opportunities, as the contracts were coming to an end by end of 2024. PIE was not satisfied with the outcome of two service providers. The feedback on the quality of the training, its duration and the job placement nature was found not satisfying to PIE standards. Until the matter has been investigated further, the full amount of the disbursement of DKK 1,007,140 is under suspicion for misuse.

PIE requested its Risk and Compliance Team to do spot check on the two service providers. The team targeted a sample of 50 out of 900 beneficiaries. Some of the beneficiaries' feedback questioned the quality of the training, the number of training days attended (which were less than the number of training days reported by the service providers) and expressed dissatisfaction about the job placement. The suspicion of irregularities has been reported to Plan International's Counter Fraud Unit (CFU) who will address the possible irregularities during a further investigation.

A new report will be forwarded when there are further developments in the case.