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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to Micro Enterprises Support Programme Trust (MESPT) in Kenya

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark provides support to Micro Enterprises Support Programme Trust (MESPT) with the aim of increasing production capacities of smallholder banana farmers and service providers in Kenya. MESPT works in a partnership with ORANA a/s and Wanda Agriculture Group Limited. A total of DKK 14,661,522 has been granted for the period 2019-2025, of which DKK 13,434,599 has been disbursed to MESPT.

The suspicion arose March 2024 after a whistleblower alleged that a MESPT staff forced Business Service Providers (BSPs) to pay money to get approval of consultancy service reports. MESPT decided to have an external forensic audit of activities conducted, which involved BSPs.

The forensic audit found no evidence of BSPs paying bribes for approvals, but it noted that there were shortcomings in the internal control mechanisms in relation to the project. Subsequently, MESPT has taken steps to strengthen their verification processes.

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