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## **Suspicion of irregularities in research project financed by Danida Fellowship Centre funds for development research in Tanzania**

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs provides grants for development research activities taking place in partnerships between Danish universities and universities in developing countries. Danida Fellowship Centre (DFC) manages the funds for the development research projects. A Danish university received a grant covering the period 2021-2025 amounting to DKK 12 million, of which DKK 5 million has been disbursed.

In January 2025, DFC received allegations regarding possible irregularities in relation to a project partner in Tanzania. The allegations concern possible underpayment of PhD salaries and reporting of expenses that have not occurred, including software licences and fieldwork expenses. The amount under suspicion is estimated at DKK 823,238.

The Danish university has launched an investigation including a financial review to examine the validity and extent of the allegations. Furthermore, DFC has identified PhD students' conditions within research grants as a focus area. The aim is to streamline possibilities and expectations for PhD student support across research grants in order to increase transparency in project implementation and to ensure compliance.

A follow-up report will be forwarded when there are further developments in the case.