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Irregularities in relation to two sub-grantees under the FAN Foundation in Mozambique

As part of the Country Consolidation and Exit Programme in Mozambique for the period 2016-2020, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) supported the establishment of 'Fundação para Melhoria do Ambiente de Negócios' (FAN), an organisation with the overall objective to improve the Mozambican business environment. FAN provided grants to business organisations, chambers of commerce and trade unions. The sub-grantees consisted, among others, of Mozambican Arab Chamber of Commerce (CCAM) which received DKK 580,000 and the Cabo Delgado Contractors Association (ASSECAD), which received a total grant of DKK 334,000.

The two sub-grantees failed to deliver sufficient documentation for a total of DKK 223,000. Efforts to solicit the missing documentation did not bear fruit and consequently FAN terminated its contracts with both CCAM and ASSECAD, and initiated arbitration proceedings. Neither organisation showed up for the arbitration meetings.

FAN took the matter to the Mozambican courts, and in 2022, CCAM and ASSECAD were ordered to pay the outstanding amounts plus interests, but neither CCAM nor ASSECAD have responded to this order. Criminal proceedings have been considered but not pursued as FAN's lawyer and the MFA have deemed it unlikely to bear fruit due to the fact that representatives from both organisations are unreachable.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs thus regards the case as closed with a loss of Danish funds amounting to DKK 223,000.