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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to Seniors Without Borders' activities in Zimbabwe

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark provides support for a project under Civil Society in Development (CISU)'s pooled fund. The project is implemented by Seniors Without Borders (SuG) in cooperation with a local sub partner, Christian Youth Volunteers Association Trust (CYVAT), with the aim of promoting school-based conservation agriculture in Zimbabwe. DKK 907,700 has been granted for the period 2023-2026, of which DKK 355,866 has been disbursed to CYVAT.

A financial employee discovered that the director had withdrawn funds from the project bank account without providing documentation for expenses. The amount under suspicion was DKK 32,956.

When the irregularities were discovered, all disbursement to the project was immediately paused and the director was suspended. Furthermore, a new project account has been created and CYVAT has produced a full financial report and timeline of the incident. SuG and CYVAT have strengthened the financial control mechanisms and financial staff have undergone capacity training in financial management to prevent something similar taking place again. The undocumented expenses have been covered by CYVAT.

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