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Irregularities in a project supported by Center for Kirkeligt Udviklingssamarbejde (CKU) in Kenya

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark provides annual support of DKK 25 million to the Center for Church Development Cooperation (CKU) for the implementation and management of pool funds. CKU collaborates with the organization, Danish Minorities Centre for Human Rights (DMC-HRD), which carries out activities in Kenya through its local partner, Sabon Africa Development Network (SADEN). Their joint efforts focus on promoting freedom of religion and addressing religiously motivated violence against women. DKK 199,800 has been disbursed for this project from June 2023 to February 2024.

DMC-HRD did not receive financial reports from SADEN for the period from January 2024 to the end of the project in February 2024, which is contrary to the agreement. DMC-HRD deployed an external, independent accountant to review documents at SADEN and assist in preparing the missing financial reports. The review concluded that, while SADEN's financial management practices were inadequate and presented significant challenges for verification, there was no indication of intentional misappropriation of funds. Expenses of DKK 3,665 were deemed ineligible.

The external auditor reviewed the project-related documentations and financial and administrative procedures. The auditor's report concluded that there was no indication that any further project funds were found to have been misappropriated. The expenses of DKK 3,665 will not be included in the final audited statement, and the expenses were covered by the SADEN and not CKU funds. DMC-HRD are working on improving due diligence process for future partnerships and are providing capacity-building to SADEN.

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