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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to CARE Denmark's local partner in Syria

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) has a strategic partnership with CARE Denmark for the period 2022-2025 with an annual grant of DKK 55 million. CARE Denmark supports a project in Syria through their local partner, CARE Syria, with the aim to provide humanitarian and resilience support in Northeast Syria. The total support to the project by CARE Denmark is DKK 5 million, of which DKK 4.459.156 has been disbursed to CARE Syria.

In July 2025, CARE Syria received an anonymous complaint alleging corruption involving manipulation of a beneficiary list. The group suspected of wrongdoing was believed to have removed approximately 50 previously verified beneficiaries and replaced them with others who did not meet the eligibility criteria for the relevant project. The amount under suspicion is DKK 96,112.

CARE Syria has launched an internal investigation audit into the matter, conducted by CARE's Audit and Compliance Unit. The investigation will include the scope of impact, implicated parties, and potential corrective actions. The investigation report is expected to be finalised later this year.

A new report will be forwarded when there are further developments in the case.