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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to PlanBørnefonden's activities in Turkana county, Kenya

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark provides support for PlanBørnefonden. They cooperate with the international NGO Water Mission with the aim to ensure that refugees and host communities in Turkana County in Kenya enhance their resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related challenges through improved water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services and market based economic opportunities related to WASH. DKK 25 million has been granted for the period 2023-2026, of which DKK 14,834,051 has been disbursed.

Water Mission has reported two suspected incidences of irregularities to PlanBørnefonden. Both incidences relate to Water Mission employees. The allegations relate to possible kickbacks and allegedly inflated labourer counts compared to hours actually worked. For the first case the amount under suspicion is DKK 7,099 and for the second case the amount under suspicion is yet to be established.

Water Mission has launched an internal investigation led by the Regional team, with oversight from the International team. The team includes HR and compliance professionals with relevant expertise. So far concerned staff have been placed on administrative leave while the investigation is ongoing. Further, Water Mission has appointed a new country director for Kenya to ensure staff adhere to Water Mission's value of integrity in all aspects of employment and adhere to established procedures. Further, Water Mission is implementing enhanced procurement oversight and more rigorous procurement processes.

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