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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to International Aid Services Denmark's activities in Kenya

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark provides support for five projects implemented by International Aid Services Denmark (IASDK) and a local partner, Integrated Aid Services in Kenya (IAS Kenya). The projects are financed through Civil Society in Development (CISU) and Centre for Church based Development (CKU)'s pooled funds. The purpose of the projects is to promote climate change adaptation, resilience against climate shocks, quality education, and peace in local communities. In total, DKK 15 million has been granted for the five projects for the period 2022-2025, of which DKK 5,773,282 has been disbursed to IAS Kenya.

When an employee with finance responsibility at IAS Kenya disappeared in December 2024, irregularities in relation to embezzlement were discovered. The employee is suspected of having given himself unjustified per diems and falsified receipts for activities that have not taken place. The amount under suspicion is DKK 3,214,152.

IAS Kenya has frozen all project accounts and initiated a forensic audit with an external auditor to determine the extent of the fraud. Furthermore, IAS Kenya has reported the incidence to the police and the employee has turned himself in to the police in January 2025. IASDK has conducted a review of IAS Kenya's financial procedures during a monitoring visit and plans to follow up with IAS Kenya on the forensic audit which will give recommendations on how to further strengthen financial procedures. CISU and CKU have given input to the terms of reference for the forensic audit and assisted with guidance on relevant actions to take when pursuing the case. IAS Kenya has, in addition, appointed two Board members to ensure that the management complies with procedures. CISU has informed IASDK that no funds can be transferred to IAS Kenya until the forensic audit is finalized.

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