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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to DanChurchAid's activities in Kenya

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark provides support for DanChurchAid (DCA) which cooperates with Sustainable Approaches For Community Empowerment (SAPCONE) with the aim of creating better access to education for children in Northern Kenya. DKK 5.7 million has been granted for the period 2021-2024, of which the entire grant has been disbursed to SAPCONE.

In September 2024, DCA received a report from a DCA employee in Kenya regarding suspicions of corruption upon entering and executing a contract, particularly related to fraudulent procurement, irregular tender awarding and inconsistency in adhering to procurement procedure. Particularly, the irregularity relates to the procurement of fibre boats. The amount under suspicion is DKK 425,263.

DCA launched an internal investigation audit into the matter and temporarily suspended all cooperation agreements between DCA and SAPCONE. The internal investigation audit concluded the following: Lack of transparency; unethical procurement process; unfair competition; failure to follow DCA procurement processes; misappropriation of funds, conflict of interest (lack of segregation of duties and no declarations made); collusion between SAPCONE staff and suppliers; forgery of documents, misstatement of both reported income and expenditures; misappropriation of community/donor fund. Based on the investigation findings, DCA's Complaints Committee decided to phase out the collaboration with SAPCONE and require a refund of the misused funds.

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