



**Suspicion of irregularities related to a local partner under DCA Strategic Partnership 2018-2021 in Lebanon**

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Reference is made to the previous report dated 23 May 2022 regarding suspicions of various irregularities related to a grant to DanChurchAid (DCA) implemented by a local partner in Lebanon. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs supports DanChurchAid's (DCA) humanitarian efforts in Syria through DCA's Strategic Partnership Agreement. As part of this partnership, a yearly commitment of DKK 85,000,000 was granted to DCA's humanitarian efforts for the period 2018-2021. Within the commitment, support was provided for a project with one of DCA's local partners in Lebanon. DKK 3,627,848.00 was granted for the project in 2021 of which DKK 1,695,256 has been disbursed so far.

In 2021, a complaint about DCA's local partner in Lebanon was submitted, which led to external special audit of the local partner. The audit report did not indicate fraud or mismanagement of funds but it did point to a need for the strengthening of certain financial management procedures. Subsequently, the local partner expressed interest in terminating their partnership with DCA, and DCA agreed to terminate the partnership and will facilitate a formal closure.

In 2022, DCA received all requested documents from the partner to proceed with the final payment and reimbursing actual expenses. The partnership has now been formally closed. No suspected amount has been identified in this case.

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