



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

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark has a strategic partnership with ActionAid Denmark (AADK) for the period 2022-2026 with an annual grant of DKK 129 million. AADK cooperates with the local partner, Youth Alive! Kenya (YAK), through ActionAid International Kenya (AAIK), with the aim of advocating for youth-responsive policies, legislation, and programmes through advancement of good governance practices, promotion of economic empowerment, and strengthening of livelihoods. DKK 212,584 has been disbursed to YAK.

In December 2024, YAK informed AAIK of financial misappropriation perpetrated by an employee of YAK. After an internal investigation, the employee admitted to diverting statutory deduction funds for personal use during the period April to October 2024. The amount under suspicion is DKK 11,226 which includes outstanding statutory deductions to the Kenyan authorities of DKK 3,961 and loss of fund of DKK 7,265 that is required for reimbursement.

A police report was filed against the employee in December 2024, and the investigation is still ongoing. The employee was terminated. Soon after, a whistleblower report raised allegations against YAK's management. AAIK conducted an investigation during February 2025 that found no evidence to substantiate the allegations raised against the management. An external audit showed no further irregularities linked to the grant. AADK and AAIK are following up with YAK regarding the ongoing investigation by the police, and has furthermore requested YAK to reimburse the suspected amount, and remit the outstanding statutory deduction. Finally, AAIK has suspended the partnership with YAK for one year, and informed YAK that lifting up the suspension will be based on a partnership assessment carried out hereafter.

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