



**Suspicion of irregularities in relation to SOS Children's Villages activities in Somaliland**

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) provides support to SOS Children's Villages Denmark (SOS DK) as part of the strategic partnership agreement 2022-2026 with an annual grant of DKK 15 million. SOS DK cooperates with SOS Children's Villages Somaliland (SOS SO) to implement the project 'Leave No Youth Behind' (LNYB) designed to empower vulnerable youth aging out of care systems. SOS SO is implementing the LNYB project through local partners of which one of them is Women's Action Advocacy Progress Organisation (WAAPO). In 2025, DKK 289,597 has been granted and disbursed to WAAPO.

An internal review of the LNYB project by SOS SO during February/March 2026 revealed financial misconduct by WAAPO. The subsequent investigation by SOS SO deemed the financial misconduct to be a breach of financial integrity on the part of WAAPO. The total amount under suspicion is DKK 289,597, of which the Danish share is DKK 222,767.

Following the detection of the financial misconduct, WAAPO has corrected its financial reporting. SOS SO has issued a formal notice of breach of contract to WAAPO and has demanded full reimbursement of the misused funds.

An external audit will be conducted to examine the findings of the internal investigation and determine the full extent of the financial loss.

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