



## **Suspicion of irregularities relating to PlanBørnefonden's partner in Kenya**

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) supports PlanBørnefonden through a strategic partnership for the period 2022-2026 with a yearly grant of DKK 43 million. PlanBørnefonden cooperates with Plan International Kenya (PIK) for the project, Urban Climate Action for Youth. A Youth Led Organization named Slums Going Green and Clean (SGGC), with whom PIK has collaborated several times in the past, was selected as beneficiary of the Youth Climate Action Accelerator Grant to scale up existing climate adaptation and environmental regeneration initiatives. DKK 1,000,000 has been granted for PIK for the period 2022-2025, of which DKK 29,497 has been disbursed to SGGC.

In January 2026, PIK conducted a monitoring visit to SGGC, and realized that the planned purchase of a compressor for plastic waste was delayed. SGGC explained this delay with the fact that, first they needed to construct a small building to keep the compressor safe. Following the expiration of the six-month contract period, SGGC did not have the equipment in place and consequently no activities had started. The amount under suspicion is DKK 29,497.

PIK asked SGGC to refund the project funds, as they stated that the funds were still on their bank account. Despite repeated follow-ups from PIK's side, SGGC stated that they intended to refund the funds but cited the unavailability of one of the signatories as a reason for further delays. At the end, PIK suspected that misappropriation of funds might have taken place. The suspicion was reinforced by the fact that SGGC did not show up to the agreed first arbitration meeting with the PIK's lawyer in February 2026. PIK is now in close collaboration with the lawyer on whether to pursue the arbitration path or to go directly to criminal proceedings. To prevent similar irregularities in the future, PIK is engaged in strengthening financial tracking and internal controls, reinforcing partner due diligence, and improving monitoring mechanisms.

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