



**Suspicion of irregularities in relation to Legal Services Facility activities, Tanzania**

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Reference is made to the previous report dated 25 October 2023, regarding suspicion of irregularities in an organisation which received funding from Legal Services Facility (LSF). The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) provided and disbursed a grant of DKK 30,000,000 to LSF for the period 2022-2023 with the aim of providing access to justice throughout Tanzania. For the financial year, 2022-2023, LSF disbursed DKK 33,387 to the paralegal organisation HALAPO.

As part of the ongoing LSF monitoring process of HALAPO, LSF noted that HALAPO had included expenditure, where the provider could not immediately be identified. Also a minor amount was missing in the bank account. LSF immediately stopped funding and demanded a refund of the amount under suspicion which is equivalent to DKK 8,567.

LSF engaged an independent auditor to perform an agreed-upon procedure audit (AUP) to receive an independent assurance on the issue. The AUP concluded that all funds were utilized in line with the approved budgets and work plan. However, the report did not provide actual alternative documents to substantiate the expenditure under suspicion. The MFA has requested that LSF follow up with the organisation to submit the missing supporting documents, or request a refund of the funds for all unsupported expenditure.

A follow-up report will be forwarded when there is further development in the case.