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Suspicion of irregularities in research project financed by Danida Fellowship Centre in Tanzania

Reference is made to the previous report dated 19 February 2026 concerning suspected irregularities in relation to funds granted to the Danida Fellowship Centre for financing a research project between the University of Copenhagen and a Tanzanian university. A total of DKK 10 million was granted for the period 2023–2028, of which DKK 3.9 million has been disbursed.

The University of Copenhagen undertook an investigation, which confirmed that survey data had been fabricated and that the baseline data could not be used for research purposes. The Danida Fellowship Centre and the University of Copenhagen subsequently entered into a dialogue regarding the actions to be initiated. At the time, the amount under suspicion was estimated at DKK 567,026.

The Danida Fellowship Centre and the University of Copenhagen have agreed that a technical audit should be conducted, focusing on the partner institution in Tanzania. They have agreed on the Terms of Reference for the audit, and the University of Copenhagen will enter into a contract with a local auditor in Tanzania. The audit is expected to examine the partner institution's management of the contract relating to the survey data. Based on the audit findings, the audit will also provide recommendations on potential internal measures and actions to be taken at the partner institution.

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