



**Suspicion of irregularities in relation to the NGO Groupe de Suivi Budgétaire's (GSB) activities in Mali**

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Reference is made to the previous report dated 28 September 2020 regarding suspicions of irregularities on a grant to Groupe de Suivi Budgétaire (GSB). The thematic programme with GSB aims to improve democratic and inclusive governance by strengthening citizen participation and improving transparency in the management of public resources in the Sikasso region. DKK 11.5 million has been granted for the period 2017-2022, of which DKK 6,527,061 has been disbursed to GSB.

The 2019 audit of GSB, initially suspected that expenses of DKK 189,065 were ineligible due to insufficient documentation. GSB reimbursed DKK 56,759.41 in December 2020. Following the 2020 audit report, the Embassy management validated the operating expenses engaged and paid by GSB amounting to DKK 27,975.93 as eligible expenditure.

A revision verification by the auditor was done in July 2024 and accepted expenditure amounting to DKK 95,395.82 based on available and reliable supporting documents that were provided by GSB's management. As a result, the remaining amount to be repaid by GSB management was DKK 8,934.44 (equivalent to XOF 775,729). Following the request from the Embassy, GSB management has paid this amount of DKK 8,934.44 in September 2024.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs thus regards the case as closed without loss of Danish funds.