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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women's (UN Women) activities in Ethiopia

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) provided support to United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) for their initiatives on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls. DKK 32.3 million was granted for the period 2015-2022. UN Women has been collaborating with a local civil society organisation, a sub-grantee, during the implementation. The Danish funds channelled to the sub-grantee in 2015-2022 amount to DKK 12,906,834.

In July 2022, allegations against the sub-grantee were raised in an anonymous email to UN Women. The allegations regarded misuse of authority, fraud and lack of quality services for survivors of violence in the shelters run by sub-grantee. It was not possible for UN Women to specify the amount of funds under suspicion.

UN Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) received evidence from UN Women to initiate an investigation of the case. By May 2024, OIOS closed the case as there were no compelling material findings from the reviewed documents and information gathering that could lead to a formal investigation. The suspicion was also flagged to the sub-grantee's auditor. The 2022 audit conducted in April 2023 identified no material findings. Another development partner to the sub-grantee finalized an investigation which could not confirm any of the allegations.

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