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## **Suspicion of irregularities in relation to Save the Children's activities in Yemen**

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) provides support for Save the Children Denmark which cooperates with Save the Children International (SCI) to help children in Yemen. DKK 2,819,776.09 has been granted for the period 2023, of which DKK 197,000 has been disbursed to Building Foundation for Development (BFD), which is an implementing partner of Save the Children International (SCI).

SCI's whistleblower mechanism in Yemen received an anonymous report with allegations that BDF had asked an employee to sign a receipt for two months' salary, although the employee reported not to having received the salaries. The amount under suspicion was DKK 197,000.

Save the Children International did an internal review, which concluded that payroll statements for the three months in question match the staff contracts and submitted financial statements. In interviews with the relevant staff members, they confirmed that their salaries were transferred in USD currency and that they have received their salaries as expected. Based on this, the review has found that the allegation was not substantiated.

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