



Suspected irregularity under the rapid response mechanism, "Claim Your Space", administered by Globalt Fokus in Kenya

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark has granted Globalt Fokus a total of DKK 9.9 million during 2021-2022 to administer the rapid response mechanism, "Claim Your Space". The mechanism provides emergency assistance to human rights defenders. As part of the grant, Globalt Fokus has through a Danish, a Kenyan and a Ugandan organisation provided assistance to a beneficiary in need of urgent relocation support from Uganda to Kenya. The total grant disbursed for the relocation was DKK 56,898.

While the emergency grant was initially awarded for relocation and safe housing of the beneficiary, additional funding was granted for acute medical support of the beneficiary who fell ill during the relocation and had to undergo an emergency kidney surgery. This was approved by Globalt Fokus through a modification to the grant.

The local organization managing the funds discovered that the beneficiary had spent parts of the funds intended for medical after-care, on clothing items and personal care instead. The amount under suspicion is DKK 741.96.

Globalt Fokus has explored viable options for investigation and has followed up with the local organisations to retrieve the lost funds from the beneficiary, without success. Globalt Fokus has reimbursed the lost amount.

The organization in Uganda will be subject to heightened scrutiny for any future applications for support from Globalt Fokus. The beneficiary will no longer be eligible for funding under the grant.

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