



## **Suspicion of irregularities relating to PlanBørnefondens partner in Zimbabwe**

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) supports PlanBørnefondens through a strategic partnership for the period 2022-2025 with a yearly grant of DKK 43 million. PlanBørnefondens cooperates with Plan International Zimbabwe (PIZ), for the project Safe and Inclusive Cities 2.0 (SAIC-2). PIZ has signed an agreement with the local implementing partner Youth Alliance for Safer Cities (YASC) to undertake activities related to this project. DKK 15,840,000 has been granted for PIZ for the period 2022-2025, whereas DKK 7,918,432 has been disbursed to PIZ. Hereof DKK 760,678 has been disbursed to YASC.

In December 2023, PIZ received the financial report from YASC, which raised suspicion of fraud. This was immediately reported to Plan International's Counter Fraud Unit, who undertook an investigation in January 2024. The investigation report, shared with PlanBørnefondens a month later, confirmed that vouchers submitted by YASC amounting DKK 50,521 were fraudulent.

The Counter Fraud Unit's report presents a number of recommendations most of which have already been implemented by PIZ. PIZ and YASC agreed on a reimbursement plan of the DKK 50,521 over six months starting from May 2024. However, no reimbursement by YASC have been completed. In October 2024, PIZ handed the case over to PIZ's Lawyer to assistance for recovering the funds. The case was taken to court, however YASC have since been dissolved, which complicates the opportunities to pursue the case with civil proceedings. PlanBørnefondens and PIZ are exploring alternative approaches to advance the case within the legal system.

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