



Suspicion of irregularities in research project financed by Danida Fellowship Centre funds for development research in Tanzania

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Reference is made to the previous report dated 11 June 2025 regarding possible irregularities in relation to funds granted to Danida Fellowship Centre financing a research project between a Danish and a Tanzanian university. DKK 12 million has been granted for the period 2021-2025, of which DKK 5 million has been disbursed.

The Danish university started an investigation, including a financial review to examine the allegations, including possible underpayment of PhD salaries and reporting of expenses that did not occur. At the time, the amount under suspicion was estimated at DKK 823,238.

The investigation into the reported irregularities has been concluded. The investigation did not find substantiated documentation for systematic mismanagement or fraud. But it could not entirely dismiss the suspicion of kickback of an amount of DKK 1,800 taken from PhD allowances. A formal investigation into this matter will be initiated at the partner university in Tanzania. Furthermore, the partners in Tanzania have been instructed to implement corrective measures to strengthen internal controls, transparency, and financial management. The Danish university will monitor implementation and report progress to Danida Fellowship Centre.

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