



Suspicion of irregularities in relation to Agricultural Transformation Institute in Ethiopia

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark provides support to the Agricultural Transformation Institute, which works towards implementing Agricultural Commercialisation through Climate Smart Inclusive Innovation Programme. DKK 371 million has been granted for the period July 2025 to December 2029, of which DKK 219 million has been disbursed.

The Danish Embassy in Addis Ababa has received reports regarding suspicions of irregularities regarding a bidding process in a procurement process for the project. The contract value is estimated to be DKK 13,954,428. Following formal complaints to the local Public Procurement Authority, the procurement process has been suspended. This has meant that no contract has been signed and no money has been transferred to the originally selected winners of the bid. The procurement process will remain suspended until the complaints have been investigated by the authorities.

Senior management in the Agricultural Transformation Institute is following the case closely, and has presented its response to all points raised in the complaint to the Danish Embassy in Addis Ababa. The Danish Embassy in Addis Ababa has amended the terms of reference of an already planned institutional audit to include agreed upon procedures to investigate the specific procurement process, the procurement systems, and related procedures of the Agricultural Transformation Institution more broadly.

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