



Suspicion of irregularities in relation to CARE Denmark's activities in Syria

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) has a strategic partnership with CARE Denmark for the period 2022-2026 with an annual grant of DKK 55 million. CARE Denmark supports a project in Syria through their local partner, CARE Syria, with the aim of providing humanitarian and resilience support in Northeast Syria. The total support to the project in 2025 by CARE Denmark is DKK 5 million, of which DKK 4,459,156 has been disbursed to CARE Syria.

In October 2025, during a routine review of the procurement processes, indicators of bid rigging were identified in two out of the three vendors who participated in the procurement process. Given the importance of this finding, CARE's Audit & Compliance Unit has recommended a review of previous procurement transactions. The amount under suspicion is DKK 636,156.

An internal investigation team is established to undertake an independent re-performance of the procurement transactions involving the two implicated vendors to assess potential irregularities in the vendor selection process and examine the business documentation of the alleged suppliers for evidence of bid rigging or coordinated behavior between vendors. The cooperation with CARE Syria continues as planned for now, but the future cooperation will depend on the result of the investigation report.

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