



Suspicion of irregularities in relation to the Support Fund for Drivers of Change's (FAMOC) activities in Mali

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Reference is made to the previous report dated 6 March 2022 regarding lack of documentation in expenditures on a grant to four beneficiaries under the Support Fund for Drivers of Change (FAMOC) in Mali. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) disbursed DKK 107,087,269 in the period 2018-2024 to FAMOC, which is managed by the Danish consultancy company, NIRAS. The fund supports civil society organisations driving change in terms of the promotion and protection of human rights, conflict management, peace media, and leadership, so that young people can play a constructive role in the country's reconciliation and recovery.

The 2019-2020 audit of the beneficiaries concluded that there had been ineligible expenses of DKK 75,733. A follow-up provided more supporting documents, which reduced the amount to be reimbursed to DKK 28,166. The beneficiaries reimbursed DKK 14,465, leaving a balance of DKK 13,701.

The MFA demanded that the ineligible expenses be reimbursed, which subsequently took place. The balance of DKK 13,701.88 remained to be justified. The Embassy finally received more supporting documents justifying the remaining balance. The Embassy and NIRAS have approved the documents justifying the final balance.

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