



Suspicion of irregularities in relation to Danish Youth Council's activities in Kenya

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark provides support for Danish Youth Council (DUF) with an annual grant of DKK 22.5 million. DUF cooperates with Youth Alive Kenya (YAK) under the Global Youth Programme with the aim to promote youth empowerment. DKK 1.53 million has been disbursed to YAK for the period 2022-2024.

In December 2024, DUF received an email presenting a number of accusations of irregularities during the period of March 2024 to October 2024. The accusations included embezzlement of donor funds, lack of or no procurement processes, and threats against employees for revealing the embezzlement. The irregularities involved DUF funds, and the amount under suspicion was DKK 3,200.

During February and March of 2025, DUF met with the complainant and conducted a financial monitoring and partner assessment visit to YAK to investigate the alleged irregularities of funds. The visit concluded that the irregularities of DUF funds were in relation to staff salaries, but that the financial management system in YAK is generally strong and adequate. YAK has been working on suitable measures to minimize the risk of future irregularities. In June 2025, DUF submitted a report to YAK containing six formal observations and corresponding recommendations. YAK has since covered the loss of DKK 3,200 from their own budget, and has implemented the six recommendations presented by DUF. Based on the cooperation on solving the irregularities, DUF has decided to continue the partnership with YAK.

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