



Suspicion of irregularities in relation to CISU activities in Colombia and Ecuador

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark provides support for a project under Civil Society in Development (CISU)'s pooled fund. The project is implemented by Oxfam Denmark in cooperation with a local sub partner, Coordinadora de Organizaciones Indígenas de la Cuenca Amazónica (COICA), with the aim of protecting indigenous human rights defenders in the Amazon basin during the Covid-19 pandemic. DKK 2,249,807 has been disbursed to Oxfam Denmark for the period 2022-2023, of which DKK 1,167,876 has been disbursed to COICA.

During the audit process for the yearly financial report for 2023, several irregularities were found. The audit did not meet the required standards, and undocumented expenses and unexplained debt were discovered. When the auditor met with COICA, they were informed that there was an ongoing case of fraud against COICA in which several project accounts had been emptied. The amount under suspicion is DKK 231,225.

An external audit has been conducted with full collaboration by COICA. Subsequently, COICA has filed criminal charges against the involved employees.

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