



Suspicion of irregularities in relation to DanChurchAid's (DCA) activities in Bangladesh

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Reference is made to the previous report dated 7 May 2025 regarding suspicions of irregularities on a grant to DCA's local partner, Unite Theatre for Social Action (UTSA), in Bangladesh. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) supports DCA through a strategic partnership for the period 2022-2025 with a yearly grant of DKK 200 million. DCA supported local partner, UTSA, in Bangladesh in 2022 with DKK 2,250,000.

Suspicion of irregularities arose in August 2022 regarding missing salaries and fake documentation relating to the purchase of office equipment, rent, and transportation. A forensic audit later showed that UTSA had engaged in fraudulent practices and misused DCA's funds. The total amount under suspicion was concluded to be DKK 31,987.

The ineligible expenses of DKK 31,987 have been covered by UTSA, and removed from the final audit report related to the project funded by DCA. DCA has terminated the partnership with UTSA. The audit report was moreover shared with the Bangladesh authorities, namely the NGO Affairs Bureau, based on the mandatory requirements in Bangladesh.

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