



Suspicion of irregularities in relation to SOS Children Villages activities in Somaliland

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) provides an annual grant of DKK 15 million to SOS Children Villages Denmark (SOS DK) under the Strategic Partnership Agreement 2022 - 2026. SOS DK cooperates with SOS Children Villages Somaliland (SOS SO) to implement the project 'Leave No Youth Behind' (LNYB) designed to empower vulnerable youth aging out of care systems. SOS SO is implementing the LNYB project through local partners of which one of them is Somaliland National Youth Organisation (SONYO). DKK 486,229 has been granted to SONYA for 2025, all of which has been disbursed.

Beneficiaries reported discrepancies to SOS SO between the allowances they received and the amounts reported by the local project partners to SOS SO. Following an internal investigation by SOS SO into the LNYB project during February/March 2026, financial irregularities have been disclosed related to allowances paid in relation to mentorship sessions for the youth. The Danish share of the amount under suspicion is DKK 374,022.

SOS SO has formally notified SONYO that the engagement will proceed under enhanced oversight and strict monitoring conditions. Furthermore, the process of recovering the misused funds has been initiated by SOS SO.

An external audit is planned to examine the findings of the internal investigation and determine the full extent of the financial irregularity.

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