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## **Suspicion of irregularities at PlanBørnefondens partner in Liberia**

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Reference is made to the previous report dated 29th November 2022 concerning irregularities relating to PlanBørnefondens program in Liberia. The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs held a strategic partnership agreement with PlanBørnefonden between 2016-2018, whereby 2016-2017 was funded by Civil Society in Development (CISU). The total grant for the program in Liberia amounted to DKK 2,167,000. PlanBørnefonden works closely with Plan in Liberia, which has been working together with a local implementing partner Liberia Care for Humanity (LICH) since 2013. LICH has received a total of DKK 1.066.594 (USD 164,952) by Plan Liberia.

An investigation initiated by Plan International confirmed the suspicion of two reported incidents of false financial reports and inadequate staff salary payments. Additionally, evidence was found of false documentation of project activities that had not been implemented. DKK 921,564 was under suspicion.

Legal action was initiated by the Liberian Ministry of Justice to escalate the lagging progress to resolve the issues with the partner organisation since the case was reported to the police in 2021. More meetings were held with Plan Liberia and the police intelligence unit with the aim of recovering the suspected amounts. The intelligence unit have revised the case files and paid visits to the service providers in question. A police report was shared with the Ministry of Justice in May 2024 whereby the authorities have decided to charge the manager of the local partner organisation LICH. The police are currently searching for the individual.

A follow-up report will be forwarded when there are further developments in the case.