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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to MicroEnterprise Support Programme Trust (MESPT) activities in Kenya

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) provides support for MESPT which cooperates with small scale farmers cooperatives and microfinance institutions with the aim of enhancing green employment in agricultural value chains in Kenya. DKK 77 million has been granted for the period 2021-2026, of which DKK 74,811,395 has been disbursed to MESPT. MESPT is the direct implementer of the project.

The irregularity was identified through the annual external audit of MESPT and concerned a full payment to a construction contract, yet the construction had not been completed. In effect, the payment was made based on inaccurate information. The amount affected was DKK 12,900.

The partner has since enhanced their internal controls before any payment is made, and reimbursed the full amount to the MFA.

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