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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to Danish Refugee Council's activities in Myanmar

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark supports the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) through a strategic partnership agreement (SPA) for the period 2022 -2025. The yearly grant is DKK 179,000,000 of which 11,194,666 is targeted at improving conditions for Rohingyas in Myanmar. DRC works with a local implementing partner in Myanmar. DKK 91,475 has been disbursed to the partner.

In January 2025, DRC was informed of a suspicion of irregularities at the local partner and launched an investigation to verify the allegation and determine its scope. The investigation report, shared in May 2025, concluded that staff salaries had been fully charged to several grants, but that documentation and time-allocation records were missing. The report also confirmed a conflict of interest in the partner's management. The amount under suspicion is DKK 6,457.

DRC has decided to conclude its partnership with the local partner. As a mitigation measure until this was possible, DRC reinforced its oversight of the local partner by defining new safeguards. These measures included revising the schedule for disbursing funds and linking each tranche to enhanced document verification; conducting unannounced spot checks to confirm compliance with financial reporting standards. The local partner subsequently covered the non-approved expenses, and the ineligible amount of DKK 6,457 has been removed from the SPA -funds' accounts. Consequently, the ineligible cost is excluded from all financial reporting, and no Danish funds have been lost.

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