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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to a Water Resource Users Association funded by the Water Sector Trust Fund in Kenya

Reference is made to the previous report dated 9 October 2025, regarding the Danish grant to the Water Sector Trust Fund (WSTF) under the Green Growth and Employment Programme of DKK 65 million for the period 2016-2021, of which the full amount has been disbursed. The aim of the project was to improve access to water and sanitation services and management of water resources in parts of Kenya.

A sub-grantee, the Water Resource Users Association (WRUA), is under allegations of having misappropriated its grant, involving funds of approximately DKK 326,391. A legal process, including a criminal case for the persons involved, is ongoing in the Kenyan courts.

WSTF now implements its projects through organisations with stronger financial management capacities to avoid similar occurrences in the future. Since the project closed in 2022, WSTF has received an approval from its Board of Trustees to refund the funds in question and is now awaiting for budgetary allocation by the Government of Kenya to execute the refund. WSTF is following the court case through the Kenyan court system. The Embassy in Kenya is ensuring that WSTF has set up mitigative measures and has implemented them to avoid occurrences of similar issues under the current or future projects.

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