



Suspicion of irregularities in relation to SOS Children's Villages activities in Kenya

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark provides support to SOS Children's Villages Denmark (SOS DK) as part of the strategic partnership agreement 2022-2026 with an annual grant of DKK 15 million. SOS DK cooperates with SOS Children's Villages Kenya (SOS KE) to implement the project 'Leave No Youth Behind' (LNYB) designed to empower vulnerable youth aging out of care systems. DKK 19,403,926 has been granted to SOS KE for the period 2022-2026, of which DKK 18,806,668 has been disbursed.

In May 2024, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) received an anonymous report regarding suspicion of irregularities in the financial management of the grant. MFA has requested an assessment from SOS DK on the suspicion, which in turn initiated an internal audit.

In January 2026, SOS DK shared the findings of the internal audit report with the MFA. The audit identified gaps in grant management and budget controls up to a total value of DKK 273,138, of which DKK 210,106 is MFA funded.

The finance team at SOS KE has undergone training in MFA compliance requirements focusing on sound financial management, eligibility of costs, budget control etc. The management of SOS KE has formally accepted the audit findings and has developed an action plan to address the findings.

SOS DK has assumed full financial responsibility covering the ineligible cost from own resources.

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