



Suspicion of irregularities in relation to PlanBørnefonden's activities in Zimbabwe

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark provides support to PlanBørnefonden under the Strategic Partnership Agreement 2022-2026. PlanBørnefonden cooperates with Plan Zimbabwe on the provision of vocational education and training in Zimbabwe. Plan Zimbabwe has been granted DKK 23.2 million for this programme for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2026, of which DKK 20.7 million has been disbursed.

Plan Zimbabwe is working with a local partner, Bulawayo Vendors and Traders Organisation (BVTO), which has been granted DKK 3.6 million for the provision of vocational education and training, of which DKK 3.0 million has been disbursed to BVTO.

Plan Zimbabwe identified an increased use of cash by the partner BVTO in the implementation of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) component during the period January to March 2026.

During a monitoring visit, BVTO acknowledged that supporting documentation had been fabricated for an amount of DKK 14,363. Further verification of other programme activities identified additional irregularities, including cases where some youth had not received the planned training, and equipment amounting to DKK 29,115 intended for youth had not been procured.

The findings were subsequently documented and addressed in accordance with Plan Zimbabwe's applicable procedures and control mechanisms.

The total amount under suspicion is thus DKK 43,478.

Plan Zimbabwe has reported the matter in Plan International's internal fraud information system. The case will be handled by Plan International's Counter Fraud Unit (CFU). Following legal advice, which shows a clear breach of contract, Plan Zimbabwe will terminate the contract with BVTO.

The reported amount of DKK 43,478 has been refunded to Plan Zimbabwe by BVTO.

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