



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

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs provides support for the Syria Community Consortium (SSC) with Danish Refugee Council (DRC) as grant holder. The aim is to strengthen resilience capacities and socio-economic well-being of crisis affected communities in Syria. A grant of DKK 30.1 million has been given and disbursed to the pilot phase of the programme for the period December 2023 to January 2025.

The DRC Community Feedback Mechanism received a complaint against a DRC staff member (non-management) who allegedly requested a portion of a micro-grant from a programme participant in exchange for beneficiary selection, suggesting possible financial exploitation. The complaint was reassessed under fraud and corruption, leading the DRC to initiate an investigation. The amount under suspicion is DKK 14,000.

DRC's Code of Conduct Unit based in Amman conducted an investigation into the matter in March 2025. The team also draws on trained investigators in-country (DRC staff). Furthermore, a review of the grant selection and distribution process is underway to reinforce controls.

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