



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

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark provides support for Danish Refugee Council (DRC) through a strategic partnership for the period 2022-2026 with a yearly grant of DKK 179 million. DRC cooperates with a local implementing partner in Myanmar with the aim of improving the protective environment for self-reliance of affected populations across Myanmar. DKK 360,976 has been granted, of which DKK 200,000 has been disbursed to the local partner.

In June 2025, suspicion of irregularities arose during a financial review. Vouchers submitted by the local partner were reviewed, and a physical verification of the listed suppliers was conducted by DRC staff. Particularly, contacts and types of services and products seemed not to match. Efforts to verify supplier information through the contact details provided in the documentation were unsuccessful. These verifications of irregularities provided sufficient grounds to initiate a comprehensive review of all projects implemented by the local partner. The comprehensive review led to the decision to initiate a formal investigation. In June 2025, an investigator was officially appointed to lead the process. The amount under suspicion is DKK 4,985.

The investigation confirms falsified vouchers across multiple suppliers and within different months. Mitigation measures are being reinforced and expanded, including enhanced monitoring and tighter controls. Moving forward, financial control mechanisms will be further enhanced to integrate the lessons learned, thereby reinforcing DRC's ongoing commitment to transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement. The continuation of the partnership is being considered, with the decision informed by operational priorities and of the context on the ground. The amount of DKK 4,985 was deducted from the last disbursement to the local partner.

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