



Suspicion of irregularities in relation to CARE Denmark's activities in Syria

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Reference is made to the previous report dated 11 February 2026 regarding suspicion of irregularities on a grant to Care Denmark implemented by its partner, Care International Syria. DKK 5,000,000 has been granted to Care International Syria for 2025, of which DKK 4,459,156 has been disbursed.

During a routine review of selected procurement transactions, indicators of bid rigging were identified involving two of the three vendors that participated in the procurement process. The vendor selected for the contract was among those identified as having engaged in irregular practices. The review further established that staff members of CARE International Syria were implicated in the identified irregularities.

An investigation was conducted by the CARE HQ Counter Fraud Team between 12 December 2025 and 6 February 2026. The investigation confirmed irregularities in the procurement process, including practices that favoured selected suppliers while excluding others. As a result, DKK 107,628 was identified as an ineligible cost.

The CARE HQ Counter Fraud Team recommended disciplinary measures against the staff involved, strengthened vendor due diligence, and enhanced internal audit controls over procurement transactions.

The investigation has now been concluded, and all recommendations have been implemented. Disciplinary measures were taken against the parties involved in accordance with CARE's internal policies and applicable local labour law. In addition, the full amount of DKK 107,628 has been reimbursed to CARE Denmark by the local partner.

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