



Suspicion of irregularities relating to PlanBørnefondens partner in Ukraine

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) supports PlanBørnefondens through a strategic partnership for the period 2022-2025 with a yearly grant of DKK 43 million. PlanBørnefondens cooperates with Plan International Ukraine on acute humanitarian assistance and protection for affected populations in Ukraine. Plan International Ukraine has signed a partnership agreement with the local implementing partner POMOGAEM to undertake activities related to this project. DKK 14,289,100 has been granted for Plan Ukraine, of which DKK 7,425,106 has been disbursed to POMOGAEM for the period of March 2024 to July 2025.

Through internal controls conducted by Plan International Ukraine in January 2025, it was noticed that the same name and tax ID code appeared in two projects' financial reports. An analysis showed further that five people by service contracts worked on both projects from March to December 2024, without any clarification of how many hours per month each individual dedicated to each project, or how this was reflected in the corresponding monthly payments. The amount under suspicion is DKK 148,000.

I March 2025, Plan Ukraine provided PlanBørnefondens documentation from POMOGAEM on how the implicated persons have been working for the period. The documentation revealed a lack of consistency in the use of timesheets throughout 2024, as well as in referencing level of effort in the contracts. The practice of long-term service contracts with individuals on several projects is done in good faith, and is a common and legal practice in Ukraine. In April and May 2025, PlanBørneFonden received further documentation from POMOGAEM, which they analysed and discussed with their auditor. It has been agreed that a local auditor will have special attention on the timesheet reporting when doing the planned final audit conducted later this year, after which the matter will be reviewed again.

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