



**Suspicion of irregularities in ADRA Denmark's local partner, ADRA Malawi**

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The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs supports ADRA Denmark with DKK 21 million annually (2018-2021) through a strategic partnership with the purpose of strengthening civil society in developing countries. As part of the partnership, ADRA Denmark has supported ADRA Malawi with DKK 9,347,760.

The suspicion of irregularities arose on the basis of a whistleblower e-mail to ADRA Denmark. This led to a subsequent monitoring of the ADRA Malawi office by ADRA Denmark, ADRA Sweden and ADRA Australia, as well as the regional ADRA office after which an external review was carried out by other ADRA offices. The review initially pointed to undocumented expenses of DKK 85,724. ADRA Malawi subsequently presented the necessary receipts for the outstanding amount. A forensic audit carried out in 2020 concluded that no Danish funds were misused.

The review furthermore observed mismanagement within the ADRA office in Malawi including cases of nepotism, and irregularities in the purchase of a building. As a result, the board of ADRA Malawi initiated disciplinary actions against the responsible individuals and terminated their employment.

The findings of the review led ADRA Denmark to end the cooperation with the local partner, ADRA Malawi.

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