

DanChurchAid  
Corruption report  
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2004



2004: **Zambia**, DanChurchAid Regional Office, DKK 36,000 (USD 6,000)

The case in question is about swindle with funds by a local employee at the DanChurchAid Regional Office in Zambia. The employee succeeded in stealing money from the office budget by using false invoices on purchases of various office supplies and in connection with payment to the Zambian tax authorities. The money was spent on a pension scheme, health insurance and as contribution to further education. It looks as if an employee at the tax authorities helped with the swindle, which made it difficult to reveal. After a thorough audit, we estimated the swindle to be approx. DKK 36,000 or USD 6,000.

The employee admitted a number of the accusations, signed a confession and was dismissed in May 2004. At the same time, the employee promised to return the money, but it never happened. After careful consideration of the possible tough consequences for the employee and her family, DanChurchAid reported the case to the police. However, nothing came out of it, as the police could not trace the employee.

DanChurchAid informed the cheated authorities by letter – some may even have helped with the swindle.

The lost amount originated from DanChurchAid's own funds.