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## Suspicion of irregularities in relation to Self Help Africa in Uganda

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark provides support to the project "Marked Orientated Rural Enterprise for Honey in Uganda" implemented by Self Help Africa (SHA) in a partnership with Golden Bees, Kahl GmBH & CO.KG. and Swienty Commodities. A total of DKK 6 million has been allocated for the period 2019-2023 of which 5,195,259 DKK has been disbursed to SHA.

SHA Uganda reported to SHA headquarters in July 2022 about irregularities in relation to payment requests and payment vouchers, such as missing or incorrect supporting documentation, in the period March-July 2022. SHA conducted an internal audit, which detected irregularities, and undertook additional internal financial surveys. Following, an external investigative audit was conducted. The audit covered the period January 2020 to September 2022, and the amount reviewed was DKK 1,636,751.

The audit concluded that the costs of irregularities funded by Danida was DKK 153,378. SHA has returned the full amount to Danida. Furthermore, SHA took steps to minimise financial losses and implemented the audit's recommendations. Several employees were terminated as a result of the findings.

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