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## **Suspicion of irregularities with Danish Industry 's project in Uganda**

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The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs provides support for Danish Industry (DI) as part of the Strategic Partnership with the Danish Labour Market Consortium in the period 2022-2025. DI has a long-term partnership with Uganda Manufacturers Association (UMA) who received DKK 602,500 in disbursements in 2022.

A routine financial review conducted in the beginning of 2023, revealed suspicions of irregularities encompassing lack of proper documentation, and procurement procedures not being properly followed by UMA. DKK 239,642 was under suspicion of misuse.

A forensic audit was initiated to uncover any irregularities. During this period, DI instructed UMA to stop all expenditures and to transfer any remaining fund balances back to DI. The audit found no evidence of fraud or deliberate misappropriation of funds, nor was any individual suspected. However, the audit did uncover insufficient archiving procedures and bookkeeping standards. The full amount of DKK 239,642 has been reimbursed to DI.

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