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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to UNCDF 's activities in Uganda

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) provides support for United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) with the aim of strengthening locally based climate adaptation in Uganda. DKK 50 million has been granted for the period 2022-2026, all of which has been disbursed to UNCDF.

The MFA received an email from a whistleblower with a fraud risk assessment report attached in August 2023. UNCDF had already appointed Deloitte in October 2021 to execute a general fraud risk assessment and to identify UNCDF's high risk country offices for a comprehensive fraud risk assessment for the next phase. Based on country offices' risk ranking, Uganda's Country Office was endorsed for a comprehensive fraud risk assessment by UNCDF in May 2022. The report highlights a number of potential risk areas.

UNCDF country office and head quarters (HQ) have provided management responses in the report. The MFA met with UNCDF country office and HQ in september 2023, to discuss the report, steps taken to reduce the risks mentioned in the report, and whether the Danish funds were at risk. It appeared that Danish funds were not involved in this case.

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