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Suspicion of irregularities at partner organisation, Uganda Youth Network, in Uganda

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) has provided support for Uganda Youth Network (UYONET). UYONET was an implementing partner under the multi-donor facility, Democratic Governance Facility (DGF), in Uganda. DKK 5,539,001 was granted and disbursed for the period from 2012 to 2019, of which DKK 1,506,608 is the share of Danish funds. The purpose of the project was to strengthen the youth sector to engage in democratic and decision-making processes.

The DGF audit report for the period 2016/2017 indicated irregularities on the grant to UYONET. In 2018, UYONET received a qualified audit opinion. The findings were confirmed in a forensic audit performed in June 2019 for the period July 2016 to December 2017, which indicated misuse of funds in relation to execution of contracts in form of unsupported expenditure and potentially fraudulent expenses. The total claimable amount is DKK 527,142 of which DKK 143,383 is the share of Danish funds.

DGF terminated the partnership agreement with UYONET on 31 May 2019. Amicable resolution on an audit refund could not be reached. Therefore, a civil case was filed in Ugandan court. On 18 October 2024, the judge recommended resolution through mediation. The first mediation session was held on 31 October 2024. Mediation efforts have so far not yielded any results. Court proceedings are continuing and the matter will be decided by the courts if mediation is not successful.

A follow-up report will be forwarded when there are further developments in the case.