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Irregularities in relation to Danish Church Aid's work in Uganda

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) supports DanChurchAid (DCA) through a strategic partnership for the period 2022-2025. The partnership with DCA involves a yearly grant of DKK 200 million.

The Danish Church Aid (DCA) Country office in Uganda received an anonymous complaint in late 2024 with allegations of kickbacks to country office employees during award of a specific contract to a consultant, at the country office level. The allegations also mentioned that the same consultant had not paid out salaries to a number of service providers under the contract. The initial amount under suspicion was DKK 14,430.

DCA Headquarter in Copenhagen led an investigation together with an external investigator. The investigation found that salaries for service providers had been paid, although somewhat delayed. Regarding kickbacks, the investigation did not find any signs of attempts to steer the internal decision making at the country office level in the direction of the specific consultant. However, clear improvements were identified in order for procurement staff to better follow already existing DCA procurement procedures. Therefore, training was renewed and the supervision of staff increased.

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