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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to Danish Refugee Council's activities in Uganda

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark provides support for Danish Refugee Council (DRC) which cooperates with the local partner, Community Empowerment for Rural Development (CEFORD), with the aim of building resilience and self-reliance through livelihood support. DKK 18 million has been granted for the project, whereas DKK 4,080,058 has been disbursed to CEFORD for the period 2022-2024.

During a financial review of the partner, the DRC Finance Team detected an irregularity related to payment during trainings. An internal investigation conducted by an independent team in CEFORD confirmed that there were incidents where participants were not paid for participation in trainings amounting to at total of DKK 46,000.

CEFORD conducted an internal investigation of the issue, and presented a report to DRC in May 2023. DRC has supported CEFORD in implementing the recommendations, which included strengthening internal procedures to enhance risk and financial management capacity in order to prevent a similar occurrence from happening in the future. Additionally, DRC has strengthened measures in reviewing partner reports and approval before disbursements. The DKK 46,000 has been reimbursed from the responsible staff and transferred back to the project.

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