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## **Suspicion of irregularities relating to PlanBørnefonden's partner in Uganda**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) supports PlanBørnefonden through a strategic partnership for the period 2022-2025 with a yearly grant of DKK 43 million. PlanBørnefonden cooperates with Plan International Uganda (PIU) for the project Safe and Inclusive Cities 2.0 (SAIC-2). PIU has signed an agreement with the local implementing partner Ngabo Youth Friendly Service Center (Ngabo) to undertake activities related to this project. DKK 10,540,000 has been granted for PIU for the period 2022-2024, of which DKK 259,128 has been disbursed to Ngabo.

In August 2024, PIU's Finance Department noted suspicions of corruption as some receipts might have been forged by the youth group. The suspicion was reported to Plan International's Counter Fraud Unit which, in collaboration with PIU's Internal Audit team, investigated the incident. The investigation concluded there was fraud for the amount of DKK 30,972.

Ngabo have accepted the responsibility of the disallowed funds and is committed to pay back the amount to the project. The contract with Ngabo was formally terminated in April 2025. The Counter Fraud Unit's investigation report was released by March 2025, and included five recommendations for PIU. PIU has already implemented two of the five recommendations, and continues to follow up on the implementation of the remaining recommendations. PIU is also still in dialogue with Ngabo about the ineligible amount to be reimbursed.

A new report will be forwarded when there are further developments in the case.