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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to Agricultural Business Initiative Finance's (aBi Finance) support to Uganda Central Cooperative Financial Service (UCCFS) in Uganda

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark provides support to the Agricultural Business Initiative Finance (aBi Finance) for onward sub-granting to Uganda Central Cooperative Financial Service (UCCFS) to promote digital financing in savings and credit cooperative organisations. DKK 2,491,449 was disbursed to UCCFS out of the DKK 6,309,336 which has been granted for the period 2021-2024.

A quarterly review done by the aBi Finance in May 2022 pointed to ineligible project expenditure of DKK 600,767 possibly resulting from suspected fraudulent procurement.

After continuous follow-up, all the funds were repaid. UCCFS wrote an apology letter for the wrong-doing, reviewed their procurement procedures, and terminated contracts of the culprits. Their operations are now in line with the recommendations made by aBi Finance's audit team. aBi Finance initiated criminal charges against the partners but police have been unwilling to enforce the criminal proceedings. aBi Finance has suspended all forms of collaboration with UCCFS.

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