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Suspicion of irregularities in relation to the Uganda Local Government Association's activities in Uganda

Reference is made to the previous report dated 15 January 2026 regarding financial irregularities at Uganda Local Government Association (ULGA) amounting to DKK 262,407. ULGA received a grant of DKK 12,500,000 under the Uganda Good Governance Programme 2011 - 2018.

In 2018, the project ended showing unaccounted expenses worth DKK 140,000 and unspent programme funds worth DKK 122,407 totalling DKK 262,507 to be reimbursed to the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA).

The MFA has had several engagements with ULGA concerning the lack of adherence to the repayment schedule. Unfortunately, ULGA became institutionally very weak due to the inability of district local governments to remit membership fees, which is the main source of income for ULGA. After repayment of DKK 130,538 over six years, leaving DKK 131,869 outstanding, ULGA requested a waiver of the outstanding balance. The MFA re-engaged the lawyers to undertake an exhaustive analysis on whether there are alternative options to recover the funds. The lawyers concluded that there was no legal basis to justify the non-payment of the outstanding amount. Upon appeal from ULGA, the MFA reviewed the invoices that had been presented to the auditors in support of the disallowed expenses and found justifiable ground to accept some of the documentation. Based on the assessment, the MFA waived a total of DKK 88,379 leaving an outstanding amount of DKK 43,490. ULGA has, in several instalments, refunded the full amount.

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