



**Suspicion of irregularities in relation to Mellempfolkeligt Samvirke
ActionAid's local partner in Uganda**

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The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) holds a strategic partnership agreement with Action Aid Denmark (AADK) through an annual grant of DKK 129 million in the period of 2022-2025. Under this agreement, AADK supported their local partner, ActionAid Uganda (AAIU), with DKK 4.7 million in 2024. Through this, AAIU has been able to provide sub-grants to local implementing partners in Uganda.

In May 2024, a report from a whistleblower informed the MFA of potential irregularities relating to ineligible salary increases within AAIU, dating back to 1 January 2023. In response, the Danish embassy in Kampala performed a due diligence visit to AA Uganda in June 2024, performing spot checks on samples of financial accounts. The spot checks gave rise to concerns related to non-compliance with the organization's per diem guidelines. AAIU was asked to submit an explanation for these irregularities. The total amount under suspicion is approx. DKK 627,452, mainly related to ineligible salary increases.

In February 2025, AA International (AAI) conducted a forensic audit of AAIU, which confirmed the initial findings. This prompted a request for AAIU to reimburse DKK 627,452 (EUR 86,093) to AADK. In April, AAIU's Board Chair committed to repaying the amount in two equal instalments by end June and by the end of September 2025. Upon Danida's approval and receipt of the first payment, AADK plans to resume its partnership and funding. The AAIU Country Director has been suspended, an interim appointed, and disciplinary hearings, monitoring visits, and a capacity assessment are planned, following the advice given by the Danish Embassy.

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