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## **Suspicion of irregularities in the organization, Spinal Injuries Association of Uganda**

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Reference is made to the previous report dated 26 July 2019 regarding suspicions of fraud and embezzlement in connection with a grant to Danish Association of the Physically Disabled (DHF) implemented by the sub-partner, Spinal Injuries Association of Uganda (SIA). The total amount allocated to the project is DKK 13,151,500. The final investigative audit indicates that an amount of DKK 1,038,000 cannot be documented.

In April 2022, DHF decided to hire a different lawyer to investigate the status of the case. The lawyer found that the police have no record of a criminal complaint filed or an officer assigned to the case. The civil suit was opened but was dismissed by the court in January 2019 for lack of prosecution. This despite DHF having received regular updates on the scheduling of case in court throughout 2021.

In December 2023, DHF commissioned their lawyer to assist with reopening the criminal case against the suspected former employee of SIA and the law firm is now taking the first steps in preparing the complaint to the police.

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