



**Suspected fraud in connection with compaction of roads and purchase of seedlings under RALNUC2 in Uganda**

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RALNUC 2 (2010–2014) was a programme funded by The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) aimed at restoring the agricultural livelihoods of internally displaced persons in Northern Uganda, who were returning home after two decades of insurgency. The programme was implemented by non-governmental organisations, together with a semi-autonomous body known as the RALNUC Agricultural Unit, which was established under the programme and supervised by local government officials. The total grant allocated to the programme was DKK 40 million of which DKK 35,196,502 was disbursed.

The case concerns suspected fraud related to the compaction of community access roads, as well as possible fraud by a programme officer in connection with the procurement of tree seedlings. The suspicion was raised by an anonymous whistleblower, and issues with the compaction of the community access roads were subsequently verified by a consultant engaged by the programme to conduct quality assurance of the road works. The amount under suspicion was DKK 106,386.

The case was referred to the Inspectorate of Government for prosecution. The Anti-Corruption Court subsequently convicted the two local government officials. Besides determining the punishment, the involved were ordered to recover the loss which they had caused.

In 2022, one of the two convicted individuals had filed an appeal. The appellate court upheld the convictions, and the Inspectorate of Government initiated proceedings to enforce execution of the judgment.

Subsequently, the Court has issued a warrant of arrest for the first defendant, who failed to comply with a demand notice of DKK 83,621. Accordingly, the Inspectorate of Government has instructed its bailiffs to arrest the judgment debtor. Concerning the second defendant, the Inspectorate of Government has tasked its bailiffs with tracing and serving him with court documents for the purpose of recovering DKK 22,765. The total amount outstanding is still DKK 106,386.

A follow-up report will be forwarded when there are further developments in the case.

