



Suspicion of irregularities at partner organisation, Centre for Constitutional Governance, in Uganda

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) has provided support for Centre for Constitutional Governance (CCG). CCG was an implementing partner under the multi-donor facility, Democratic Governance Facility (DGF), in Uganda. DKK 1,954,400 was granted and disbursed for the period from 2013 to 2019, of which DKK 531,597 is the share of Danish funds. The purpose of the project was to strengthen the engagement and participation of university students in governance, accountability and development processes in Uganda.

The DGF audit report for the period 2016/2017 indicated irregularities on the grant to CCG. In 2018, CCG received a qualified audit opinion. The findings were later confirmed in an investigation report in April 2019, which indicated misuse of funds in relation to corruption during execution of a contract as well as a contract violation in form of unsupported expenditure and potentially fraudulent expenses. The total claimable amount is DKK 214,830 of which DKK 58,434 is the share of Danish funds. DGF did not renew the agreement with the partner after May 2019.

Since CCG has not responded to requests for repayment, the Danish Embassy in Uganda has instituted a civil lawsuit against the partner. The matter has come up for several hearings in Ugandan courts but is not yet concluded. The next hearing date is to be confirmed.

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