



## **Suspicion of irregularities at CARE Denmark's local partner in Uganda**

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Reference is made to the previous report dated 17 August 2023 regarding suspicions of irregularities related to procurement on a grant to CARE Denmark for the period 2022-2025. CARE Denmark receives an annual grant of DKK 55 million through a strategic partnership with the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. CARE Denmark supports the Development Initiative for Northern Uganda programme (DINU) through CARE Uganda. The programme has received DKK 2,574,674 in funding from CARE Denmark.

The suspected irregularities were based on a complaint by a whistleblower received by CARE Denmark, which outlined suspicion of irregularities at CARE Uganda related to procurement, including manipulating the selection procedure of suppliers and possible kickbacks.

CARE USA and CARE's regional office in East Africa undertook an investigation of CARE Uganda. The investigation concluded that the allegations were not substantiated. It found that five contracts awarded to a supplier referred to by the whistleblower had been satisfactorily completed. However, the awarding process for one of the contracts was found to vary from regular procedures, though without a loss for the organisation, and the service was delivered at expected level of quality. Based on recommendations from the internal investigation, CARE Uganda will in the future ensure that procurement staff is always present when project teams meet with possible suppliers.

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