



Suspicion of irregularities in relation to Amuru District Local Government's project in Uganda

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Reference is made to the previous report dated 10 April 2025, regarding suspicion of irregularities at partner organisation, Amuru District Local Government (ADLG). The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) has provided support for ADLG through the multi-donor facility, Democratic Governance Facility (DGF), in Uganda. DKK 599,057 was granted and disbursed for the period from May 2018 to October 2019, of which DKK 140,778 is the share of Danish funds. The purpose of the project was to improve participatory decision making in the district's youth council.

The DGF audit report for the period 2018 indicated irregularities on the grant to ADLG. ADLG received a disclaimer of audit opinion which meant that the auditor had been unable to obtain sufficient and appropriate audit evidence on which to base the opinion, and concluded that the possible effects of the undetected misstatements could be material and pervasive. The audit pointed to misappropriation of funds due to unsupported expenditure and, potentially, fraudulent expenses.

The Inspectorate of Government (IG) of Uganda performed an investigation on the misuse of funds at ADLG in 2023/2024 and their report confirmed misuse of funds. As a result, a High Court ruling awarded the MFA DKK 92,890, of which DKK 21,829 is the share of Danish funds. The IG's office has handed over the case to its appointed court bailiff to proceed and recover the award. MFA is closely following up with IG.

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