



Suspicion of irregularities in relation to Danish Association of the Physically Disabled (DHF) partner in Uganda

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Reference is made to the previous report dated 26 June 2024 regarding suspicions of fraud and embezzlement in connection with a grant to the Danish Association of the Physically Disabled (DHF) implemented by the sub-partner, Spinal Injuries Association of Uganda (SIA). A total amount of DKK 13,151,500 was allocated to the project, Capacity Building for Sustainable Development, in the period 2014-2017.

The case concerns suspected irregularities regarding fraud and embezzlement following an interim audit by the SIA board. The subsequent investigation found that suspicions were in fact worse than presumed, whereafter, SIA filed a civil court case, freezing all assets and pausing activities. The final investigative audit indicates a total suspected amount of approx. DKK 1,038,000.

Since 2019, progress on the civil court case and police investigation has been stagnant, with very poor indications of a potential prosecution. A new lawyer, hired by DHF in 2022, found that police had no records of the filed case, nor were any officers assigned to the case. It was revealed that the court had dismissed the civil suit in 2019, despite DHF having received regular updates of the rescheduling of the case throughout 2021. The lawyer was commissioned by DHF in 2023 to assist with reopening the criminal case and filed a complaint to the police. After many delays in tracking down key witnesses and persuading them to give statements to police and then testify in court, the lawyer finally succeeded in accompanying a witness to the police in November 2025. The conclusion of this meeting was that the police will summon the two principal suspects to make statements, and if they do not answer the summons, find and arrest them.

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