



Suspicion of irregularities in relation to Danish Refugee Council's activities in Uganda

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark provides support for Danish Refugee Council (DRC) which cooperates with the local field office in Uganda on the project 'Building Self-Reliance and Resilience in West Nile' for extremely poor refugee and host community households. Part of the project is to support the Women & Girls Centre in the Imvepi refugee settlement. DKK 18 million has been granted to DRC, of which DKK 4,882,643 has been disbursed to DRC Uganda.

In August 2025, it was reported that five heads of tailoring machines at the Women & Girls Centre were missing. The irregularity was detected during preparations to reopen the Centre following a reconstruction. It is unclear who took them or whether more than one individual was involved, but the absence of issuance records suggests either a breach in store security, manipulation of stock records, collusion between staff, or the involvement of external persons. The amount under suspicion is DKK 2,233.

The matter is investigated through an internal organisational investigation in line with DRC's Code of Conduct Investigation procedures, with a focus on identifying those responsible and recommending remedial actions. While the investigation is pending, interim measures include restricting access to the store to authorised personnel only implementing regular inventory verification and reconciliation, reminding all staff of asset management policies and Code of Conduct obligations.

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