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After years of being an aid darling despite widespread corruption, a number of donors recently suspended aid to Uganda following high-level scandals.

Although his swift response to the AIDS crisis and efforts to economically liberalise and politically stabilise his country have often seen Yoweri Museveni regarded as an aid darling by donor countries, the reputation of Uganda's president might now be beginning to wane amidst reports of official corruption.

News of high-level corruption is nothing new. Uganda is believed to be the most corrupt country across East Africa and there's evidence to suggest elections have been fixed. But until recently, official development assistance has largely continued to flow unabated. In the last few months, however, a number of recent scandals have led some donors to demand Museveni's government return misappropriated aid.

How much longer will the funds realistically roll in? And if aid is cut off, how will it affect the Ugandan people ?

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