



MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 15, 2020

TO: USAID/Uganda, Acting Mission Director, Patricia Rader

FROM: USAID OIG Africa Regional Office, Assistant Director, Matthew Rathgeber /s/

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of USAID Resources Managed by Transcultural Psychosocial Organisation in Uganda under Multiple Agreements, November 1, 2017, to December 31, 2018 (Report No. 4-617-20-028-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on USAID resources managed by Transcultural Psychosocial Organisation (TPO) under the following agreements:

Award Name (Type)	Award Number	Period	Prime Implementer
Peaceful Co-existence and Resilience Activity(cooperative agreement)	72061718CA00003	November 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018	
Keeping Children in Healthy and Protective Families (sub-agreement)	UG-17-SUBAGR-8301-000P0359695-01-00	January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018	Catholic Relief Services
Sustainable Outcomes for Children and Youth in Central and Western Uganda(sub-agreement)	UG-15-SUBAGR-000P0359-01-00	January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018	Catholic Relief Services

TPO contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm PKF Uganda, Kampala, Uganda, to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it performed its audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards (GAGAS). However, it did not have a Continuing Professional Education (CPE) and external peer review program that fully satisfies the requirements of GAGAS. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on TPO's fund accountability statement, the effectiveness of its internal control or its compliance with the award, laws, and

regulations.¹

The audit objectives were to (1) express an opinion on whether the fund accountability statement for the period audited, was presented fairly, in all material respects; (2) evaluate TPO's internal controls; (3) determine whether TPO complied with award terms and applicable laws and regulations; (4) review the indirect cost rate; and (5) review the implementation status of the prior period recommendations.

To answer the audit objectives, PKF Uganda (1) audited the fund accountability statement for the award including the budgeted amounts by category and major items and the revenues received from USAID for the period covered by the audit and the costs reported by TPO as incurred from November 1, 2017, to December 31, 2018.- ; (2) evaluated the control environment, the adequacy of the accounting systems, and control procedures that pertain to TPO's ability to report financial data consistent with the assertions embodied in each account of the fund accountability statement; (3) identified the award terms and pertinent laws and regulations and determined which of those, if not observed, could have a direct and material effect on the fund accountability statement ; (4) determined that the review of the indirect cost rate was not applicable and (5) reviewed the implementation status of the prior period recommendations. TPO reported expenditures of \$1,438,193 in USAID funds during the audited period.

The audit firm concluded the fund accountability statement presented fairly, in all material respects, program revenues and costs incurred under the award for the period audited; no material weaknesses in internal control; and no instances of material noncompliance. In addition, although we are not making a recommendation for significant deficiencies noted in the report, we suggest that USAID/Uganda determine if the recipient addressed the issues noted. Accordingly we make no recommendations.

During our desk review, we noted several minor issues which the audit firm will need to address in future audit reports. We presented these issues in a memo to the controller, dated January 15, 2020.

We ask that you provide your written notification of actions planned or taken to reach management decision. We appreciate the assistance extended during the engagement.

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¹ We reviewed the audit firm's report for conformity with professional reporting standards. Our desk reviews are typically performed to identify any items needing clarification or issues requiring management attention. Desk reviews are limited to review of the audit report itself and excludes review of the auditor's supporting working papers; they are not designed to enable us to directly evaluate the quality of the audit performed.