



Office of Inspector General

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 18, 2019

TO: USAID/Jordan Mission Director, Jim Barnhart

FROM: USAID OIG Middle East and Eastern Europe (ME/EE) USDH NFA Coordinator, Abdoulaye Gueye /s/

SUBJECT: Agreed Upon Procedures Performed on the Government of Jordan Owned Local Currency Trust Fund Managed by USAID/Jordan for the Years Ended September 30, 2017 and 2018 (8-278-19-023-O)

This memorandum transmits the final report on the agreed upon procedures performed on the Government of Jordan owned local currency Trust Fund managed by USAID/Jordan for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2018. USAID/Jordan contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm of Ernst and Young to conduct the engagement.

The audit firm states that it performed its engagement in accordance with the attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and in conjunction with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and results expressed in it. We do not express an opinion or provide results related to the agreed upon procedures.¹

The engagement objective was to conduct agreed upon procedures of USAID/Jordan's management of the Government of Jordan-Owned local currency trust fund for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2018 to determine whether the trust fund was managed in accordance with USAID's rules and regulations, mainly USAID ADS 627, USAID/Jordan Mission Order No. 627-18-01, and the trust fund agreement.

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 report itself and excludes review of the audit firm's supporting working papers; they are not designed to enable us to directly evaluate the quality of the engagement performed.

The audit firm noted one exception related to Citibank keeping the previous Authorized Certifying Officer as an authorized signatory on the trust fund's bank accounts. The audit firm said that there were no improper transactions authorized by the Authorized Certifying Officer since he had left his post. Based on the trust fund management follow up with Citibank, the audit firm considered this exception closed.

During our desk review, we noted 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 June 18, 2019.

The report does not contain any recommendations for your action.

We appreciate the assistance extended to the audit staff during the engagement.

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