



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

U.S. Agency for International Development

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 15, 2022

TO: USAID/Management/Office of Acquisition and Assistance/Cost, Audit and Support Division, Supervisory Auditor, Eleanor Jefferson

FROM: Director of External Financial Audits Division (IG/A/EFA), David A. McNeil /s/

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of Agency for Technical Co-operation and Development Under Multiple USAID Agreements for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019 (3-000-22-009-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on the recipient contracted audit of Agency for Technical Co-operation and Development (ACTED) for fiscal year (FY) ended December 31, 2019. ACTED contracted with EMARGENCE Experts to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it performed the audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards and the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) Financial Audit Guide for Foreign Organizations except that the audit firm did not fully satisfy continuing professional education requirements and did not have an external peer review program because the audit firm is subjected, at least every three years, to quality control review programs by affiliated offices or by the external examination authority of statutory auditors. We do not express an opinion on ACTED'S fund accountability statement; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the awards, laws, and regulations¹.

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 ACTED's internal controls; (3) determine whether ACTED complied with award terms and applicable laws and regulations; and (4) express an opinion on the schedule of computation of indirect cost rate. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm conducted the audit of the fund accountability statement for USAID's programs, including budgeted amounts; revenues received from USAID for the audit period, and the costs reported by ACTED for the period of audit. The report on the fund accountability statement disclosed that ACTED's USAID audited expenditures for the FY ended December 31, 2019, were \$79,725,310.

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.

The audit firm concluded that: (1) fund accountability statement presents fairly, in all material respects, program revenues, costs incurred and reimbursed, and commodities and technical assistance directly procured by USAID for the year then ended; (2) the audit firm did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that were considered material weaknesses; (3) the results of the auditors testing disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under generally accepted government auditing standards; and (4) the schedule of computation of indirect cost rate was prepared from financial statements audited by ACTED's statutory auditors who expressed an unqualified opinion. In EMARGENCE Expert's opinion, the schedule of computation of indirect cost rate is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. EMARGENCE Experts did not identify any findings or questioned costs related to USAID awards.

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 USAID's Chief Financial Officer, dated February 15, 2022.

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