



# OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

## U.S. Agency for International Development

### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 8, 2024

**TO:** Millennium Challenge Corporation, Chief Risk Officer, Lori Giblin

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

**SUBJECT:** Financial Audit of MCC Resources Managed by the MCA-Niger under the Grant and Implementation Agreement and the Millennium Challenge Compact between the Government of Niger and the MCC for the period April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023 (3-MCC-24-004-N)

This memorandum transmits the Audit of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) resources managed by the Millennium Challenge Account - Niger (MCA-Niger) under the Grant and Implementation Agreement and the Millennium Challenge Compact between the Government of Niger and the MCC for the period of April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023. MCA-Niger contracted with audit firm KMC SA (KMC) to conduct the audit. KMC stated that it performed its audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards and The Accountable Entities Guidelines for Contracted Financial Audits issued by MCC. However, it did not fully satisfy the continuing professional education requirement in generally accepted government auditing standards. In addition, KMC reported it did not have an external peer review because no such program is offered by professional organizations in Niger. KMC is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on the MCA-Niger's fund accountability statement; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the award, laws, and regulations.<sup>1</sup>

The audit objectives were to (1) express an opinion on whether the fund accountability statement for the MCC funded program(s) presents fairly, in all material respects, program revenues, costs incurred and reimbursed, and assets and technical assistance directly procured by MCA-Niger for the period ended in accordance with the terms of the Compact and supplemental agreements and in conformity with the basis of accounting described in the

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<sup>1</sup> We reviewed the audit 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 audit firm's supporting working papers; they are not designed to enable us to directly evaluate the quality of the audit performed.

notes to the financial statements; (2) evaluate and obtain a sufficient understanding of MCA-Niger's internal controls related to the MCC funds, assess control risk, and identify reportable conditions, including material internal control weaknesses; (3) perform tests to determine whether MCA-Niger complied, in all material respects, with the Compact, supplemental agreements, and applicable laws and regulations related to MCC-funded programs; and (4) determine whether MCA-Niger has taken adequate corrective action on prior audit report recommendations. To answer the audit objectives, KMC: (a) reviewed costs billed to and reimbursed by MCC and costs incurred but pending reimbursement, identifying and quantifying any questioned costs; (b) reviewed and evaluated MCA-Niger's internal controls related to MCC funded programs to obtain a sufficient understanding of the design of relevant control policies and procedures and whether those policies and procedures have been placed in operation; and (c) identified the requirements of the Compact and related Compact documents 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. KMC examined MCA-Niger's costs of \$94,299,047 for the audited period.

KMC concluded that the fund accountability statement presents fairly, in all material respects, program revenues, costs incurred, and reimbursed for the period audited in accordance with the agreement and in conformity with the modified cash-based accounting basis. KMC did not identify any questioned costs, material weaknesses in internal control, instances of noncompliance, or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Audit Standards. The report did not contain any prior material audit findings and recommendations. A previous audit finding of \$70,131 reported in the prior audit report related to the period ending September 30, 2020, is still unresolved. KMC noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that have been reported to the management of MCA-Niger in a separate letter.

OIG does not routinely distribute independent public accounting reports beyond the immediate addressees because a high percentage of these reports contain information restricted from release under the Trade Secrets Act, 18 U.S.C. 1905 and Freedom of Information Act Exemption Four, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) ("commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential"). In addition, USAID OIG has determined that this transmittal memo and the enclosed report are not subject to notification and reporting requirements under Section 5274 of the National Defense Authorization Act.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> The James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 Pub. L. No. 117-263, § 5274. Please direct related inquiries to [oignotice\\_ndaa5274@usaid.gov](mailto:oignotice_ndaa5274@usaid.gov).