



## OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL U.S. Agency for International Development

### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** December 2, 2022

**TO:** USAID/Mozambique, Mission Director, Helen Pataki

**FROM:** USAID OIG Africa Regional Office, Audit Director, Robert Mason /s/

**SUBJECT:** Financial Audit of USAID Resources Managed by N'weti Comunicação para a Saúde in Mozambique Under Multiple Awards, January 1 to December 31, 2021 (Report No. 4-656-23-032-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on USAID resources managed by N'weti Comunicação para a Saúde (N'weti) in Mozambique under the following awards:

Award Name (Type)	Award Number	Audit Period	Prime Implementer
Integrated Family Planning and Reproductive Health (IFPP) (subagreement) (closeout)	AID-656-A-16-00005-01	Jan. 1 – Jun. 6, 2021	Pathfinder International
Community Based HIV Services for Southern Region (Hlayisa) (cooperative agreement) (close-out)	AID-656-A-17-00003	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2021	
Community HIV Activity in Zambézia (cooperative agreement)	72065619CA00001	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2021	
IFPI Program for Reproductive Health Services (subagreement)	MZSA0460 – MZ2102	Jul. 20 – Dec. 31, 2021	Pathfinder International

N'weti contracted with the independent audit firm Ernst & Young Limitada, Maputo, Mozambique to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it performed its audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. However, it did not have an external peer review that fully satisfy the standards' requirements. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on N'weti's schedule of expenditures of USAID awards; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the award, laws, and regulations.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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 objectives were to (1) express an opinion on whether the schedule of expenditures of USAID awards for the period audited, was presented fairly, in all material respects; (2) evaluate N'weti's internal controls; (3) determine whether N'weti 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, Ernst & Young Limitada (1) audited the schedule of expenditures of USAID awards 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 N'weti as incurred from January 1 to December 31, 2021; (2) evaluated the control environment, the adequacy of the accounting systems, and control procedures that pertain to N'weti's ability to report financial data consistent with the assertions embodied in each account of the schedule of expenditures of USAID awards; (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 schedule of expenditures of USAID awards; (4) determined that the review of the indirect cost rate was not applicable; and (5) reviewed the implementation status of the prior period recommendations. N'weti reported expenditures of \$16,423,486 in USAID funds during the audited period.

The audit firm concluded the schedule of expenditures of USAID awards presented fairly, in all material respects, program revenues and costs incurred under the award for the period audited. The audit firm identified no questioned costs; no material weaknesses in internal control; and no instances of material noncompliance.

Accordingly, we are not making any recommendations.

During our desk review, we noted several areas for improvement which the audit firm should address in future audit reports. We presented these areas in a memo to the controller, dated December 2, 2022.

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