



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

### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 19, 2022

**TO:** USAID/Southern Africa, Mission Director, Andrew Karas

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

**SUBJECT:** Financial Audit of USAID Resources Managed by HIV SA NPC in South Africa Under Multiple Awards, October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021 (Report No. 4-674-22-047-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on USAID resources managed by the HIV SA NPC under the following: 1) cooperative agreement 72067418CA00031, Preventing HIV/AIDS in Vulnerable Populations focusing on Orphans and Vulnerable Children in the Gauteng Province; and 2) sub-recipient under Centre for Communication Impact (CCI) AID-674-A14-00012, Community-Based Comprehensive HIV Prevention, Counselling and Testing Program to Reduce HIV Incidence (closeout). HIV SA contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm Nexia SAB&T, Centurion, South Africa, 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 continuing professional education and an external peer review that fully satisfied 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 HIV SA'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>

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 HIV SA's internal controls; (3) determine whether HIV SA 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, Nexia SAB&T (1) audited the schedule of expenditures of USAID awards 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 HIV SA as incurred from October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021; (2) evaluated the control

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<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.

environment, the adequacy of the accounting systems, and control procedures that pertain to HIV SA'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. HIV SA reported expenditures of \$6,166,871 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. Although we are not making a recommendation for significant deficiencies noted in the report, we suggest that USAID/Southern Africa determine if the recipient addressed the issues noted. The audit firm issued a management letter.

Accordingly, we are not making any recommendations.

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