



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

U.S. Agency for International Development

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 30, 2024

TO: USAID/West Bank and Gaza, Mission Director, Amy Tohill-Stull

FROM: Middle East and Eastern Europe Regional Office, Audit Director, Louis Duncan, Jr. /s/

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of the Schedule of Expenditures of USAID Award Managed by Global Communities Under Cooperative Agreement 72029421CA00005, Gaza Household WASH Activity Program in West Bank and Gaza, September 28, 2021, to December 31, 2022 (8-294-24-004-N)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on the financial audit of the schedule of expenditures of USAID award managed by Global Communities under cooperative agreement 72029421CA00005, Gaza Household WASH Activity program in West Bank and Gaza, from September 28, 2021, to December 31, 2022. USAID/West Bank and Gaza contracted with the independent audit firm Mazars to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it performed its audit in accordance with U.S. government Auditing Standards. However, it did not have an external quality control review program that fully satisfy the standards' requirements. The audit firm explained that professional organizations in West bank and Gaza do not offer such a quality control review program. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on Mazar's schedule of expenditures of USAID awards; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the award, laws, and regulations.¹

The audit objectives were mainly to: (1) express an opinion on whether the schedule of expenditures of USAID award for the period audited, was presented fairly, in all material respects; (2) evaluate Global Communities' internal controls; and (3) determine whether Global Communities complied with award terms and applicable laws and regulations, including compliance with Executive Order 13224-Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with

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.

persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm performed the subject financial audit that covered \$1,125,767 from September 28, 2021, to December 31, 2022.

The audit firm concluded the schedule of expenditures of USAID award was presented fairly, in all material respects, and program revenues and costs locally incurred under the award for the period included no questioned costs. Additionally, the audit firm did not identify any material weaknesses in internal control; material instances of noncompliance with the award terms, applicable rules, and regulations; or Executive Order 13224.

The report does not include any recommendations for your action.

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.²

² 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.