



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

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 10, 2022

TO: USAID/Kenya and East Africa, Mission Director, Mark Meassick

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

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of USAID Resources Managed by University of Nairobi Enterprises and Services Limited in Kenya Under Cooperative Agreement AID-615-A-16-00013, July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021 (Report No. 4-615-22-054-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on USAID resources managed by University of Nairobi Enterprises and Services Limited (UNES) for the Sustaining use of District Health Information System II Program. UNES contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm Ernst & Young LLP (EY), Nairobi, Kenya, 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 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 UNES' fund accountability statement; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the award, laws, and regulations.¹

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 UNES' internal controls; (3) determine whether UNES 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, EY (1) audited the fund accountability statement 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 UNES as incurred from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021; (2) evaluated the control environment, the adequacy of the accounting systems, and control procedures that pertain to UNES' ability to report financial data consistent with the assertions embodied in each account of the fund accountability statement; (3) identified the award terms and pertinent laws and regulations and determined

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.

which of those, if not observed, could have a direct and material effect on the fund accountability statement; (4) determined that the review of the indirect cost rate was not applicable; and (5) reviewed the implementation status of the prior period recommendations. UNES reported expenditures of \$3,083,504 in USAID funds during the audited period.

The audit firm concluded the fund accountability statement presented fairly, in all material respects, program revenues and costs incurred under the award for the period audited except for the effects of not having an external peer review. The audit identified \$98,795 in ineligible questioned costs; no material weaknesses in internal control; and two instances of material noncompliance. In addition, although we are not making a recommendation for significant deficiencies noted in the report, we suggest that USAID/Kenya and East Africa determine if the recipient addressed the issues noted.

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 the controller, dated May 10, 2022.

To address the issues identified in the report, we recommend that USAID/Kenya and East Africa:

Recommendation 1. Determine the allowability of \$98,795 in ineligible questioned costs on pages 13 and 18 of the audit report and recover any amount that is unallowable.

Recommendation 2. Verify that University of Nairobi Enterprises and Services Limited corrects the two instances of material noncompliance detailed on pages 29 to 32 of the audit report.

We ask that you provide your written notification of actions planned or taken to reach management decision.

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