



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

U.S. Agency for International Development

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 9, 2022

TO: USAID/Management/Office of Acquisition and Assistance/Cost, Audit and Support Division/Contract Audit Management Branch, Eleanor C. Jefferson, Supervisory Auditor

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

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of Handicap International Federation Under Multiple Awards, for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019 (3-000-22-017-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on Handicap International Federation under multiple awards for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, including sixteen awards which were closed during the fiscal year. The Handicap International Federation contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it performed its audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Financial Audit Guidelines for Foreign Organizations. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on Handicap International Federation's fund accountability statements; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the awards, laws, and regulations.¹

The audit objectives were to (1) express an opinion on whether the fund accountability statements for the period audited, were presented fairly, in all material respects; (2) evaluate the Handicap International Federation's internal controls; (3) determine whether Handicap International Federation complied with award terms and applicable laws and regulations; (4) determine if the cost-sharing schedule was presented fairly in accordance with the basis of accounting used to prepare the cost-sharing schedule; and (5) perform an audit of the indirect cost rates. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm conducted an audit of the fund accountability statements of Handicap International Federation for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019. The summary report on the fund accountability statement disclosed that

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.

Handicap International Federation's audited expenditures were \$23,266,369, of which USAID's audited expenditures were \$13,520,970 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019. The audit firm concluded the fund accountability statements presented fairly, in all material respects, program revenues and costs incurred under the award for the period audited except for \$564 total questioned costs composed of direct costs of \$467 (\$467 unsupported) and indirect costs of \$97 (\$97 unsupported). The audit firm identified one significant deficiency in internal control and one material instances of noncompliance to be reported under *U.S. Government Auditing Standards*. Since the questioned costs did not meet the OIG's established threshold of \$25,000 for making a recommendation, we are not making a recommendation. Nevertheless, we suggest that USAID's Office of Acquisition and Assistance, Cost, Audit and Support Division, Contract Audit Management Branch determine the allowability of the \$467 in direct questioned costs and recover any amount determined to be unallowable. In addition, although we are not making a recommendation for the significant deficiency noted in the report, we suggest that USAID's Office of Acquisition and Assistance, Cost, Audit and Support Division, Contract Audit Management Branch determine if the recipient addressed the issues noted. In addition, nothing came to the audit firm's attention that caused it to believe that Handicap International Federation did not fairly present the cost-sharing schedule, in all material respects, in accordance with the basis of accounting used to prepare the cost-sharing schedule. Furthermore, the audit firm concluded that the information in the statement of indirect rate calculation was fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The audit firm included its management letter in Section IV of the audit report.

To address the issues identified in the report, we recommend that the USAID Office of Acquisition and Assistance, Cost, Audit and Support Division, Contract Audit Management Branch:

Recommendation I. Verify that Handicap Federation International corrects the instances of material noncompliance detailed on page III-1 and III-2 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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