



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

### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 30, 2022

**TO:** USAID/Central Asia Regional Mission Director, Lawrence Hardy II

**FROM:** USDH NFA Coordinator for the OIG Asia Regional Office, Rhonda M. Horried /s/

**SUBJECT:** Financial Audit of the Good Governance Initiative Fund Program in Kazakhstan and Tajikistan Managed by Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia -Kazakhstan, Cooperative Agreement AID-176-A-14-00007, for the Period That Ended December 31, 2017 (5-176-22-013-N)

**REF:** (1) USAID OIG Asia Regional Office's report rejection transmittal memorandum (May 08, 2020)

(2) USAID/Central Asia's comments to OIG's report rejection transmittal memorandum (received March 30, 2022)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on the Good Governance Initiative Fund Project in the Republics of Kazakhstan and Tajikistan managed by Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia – Kazakhstan (EFCA). USAID/Central Asia contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm of Baker Tilly Bishkek LLC to conduct the audit.

We initially rejected the subject report (reference 1); however, we accepted it after USAID/Central Asia provided comments to our rejection memorandum (reference 2).

In reference 2, the mission considers the OIG comments addressed and noted that (1) the audit firm provided justifications in response to some of the OIG comments or agreed to address other OIG comments in future audit reports, (2) the audited project ended September 30, 2018, and (3) USAID will ensure that EFCA has corrected any outstanding deficiencies if the agency considers the awardee for future awards.

The mission also noted that the audit firm's extensive comments in the management letter accompanying the audit report were an effort to improve policy and operational efficiency of the organization. Most of the amounts that could potentially be questioned are immaterial and/or were resolved in the subsequent closeout audit.

We issued the close-out audit report for the subject program (Report No. 5-176-20-040-R) on May 20, 2020. As a result, there is no need to perform additional reviews of the subject audit

report that covers the period ending December 31, 2017. This memo serves to notify you of our decision.

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").