



# OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

## U.S. Agency for International Development

### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 25, 2023

**TO:** USAID/Jordan Mission Director, Sherry Carlin

**FROM:** USAID/OIG Middle East and Eastern Europe (ME/EE) Regional Office, Assistant Audit Director, David Clark

**SUBJECT:** Audit of the Schedule of Expenditures of the Ministry of Education, Partnership for Education II Project in Jordan, Implementation Letter 278-IL-DO3-EDY-MOE-005, July 29, 2020, to December 31, 2021 (8-278-23-011-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on the schedule of expenditures of the Ministry of Education, Partnership for Education II project in Jordan, implementation letter 278-IL-DO3-EDY-MOE-005, from July 29, 2020, to December 31, 2021. The auditee contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm Nobani & Marouf to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it performed its audit in accordance with U.S. Government Auditing Standards and the USAID Financial Audit Guide for Foreign Organizations. However, it did not have an external quality control review program and a continuing education program that fully satisfies the standards' requirements. The audit firm explained that professional organizations in Jordan do not offer an external 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 the auditee's schedule of expenditures; the effectiveness of its internal controls; 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 for the period audited was presented fairly, in all material respects; (2) evaluate the auditee's internal controls; and (3) determine whether the auditee complied with the award terms and applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm performed the subject financial audit that covered \$ 2,314,774 from July 29, 2020, to December 31, 2021.

The audit firm concluded that the schedule of expenditures of USAID awards presented fairly, in all material respects, program revenues and costs incurred under the award for the period

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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.

audited. The audit firm identified no questioned costs; no material weaknesses in internal control; and no instances of material noncompliance. In addition, the audit firm issued a management letter.

During our desk review, we noted an area for improvement which the audit firm should address in future audit reports. We presented this area for improvement in a memo to the controller, dated January 25, 2023.

The report does not include any recommendations for your action.

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