



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

U.S. Agency for International Development

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 22, 2023

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

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

SUBJECT: Audit of the Schedule of Expenditures of Peace Players International, Champions for Peace Initiative Program in West Bank and Gaza, Cooperative Agreement 72029420CA00004, June 29, 2020, to December 31, 2021 (8-294-23-010-N)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on the schedule of expenditures of Peace Players International, Champions for Peace Initiative program in West Bank and Gaza, cooperative agreement 72029420CA00004, from June 29, 2020, to December 31, 2021. USAID/West Bank and Gaza contracted the independent audit firm Mazars to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it performed its audit in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and U.S. Government Auditing Standards. However, it did not have an external quality control review program by an unaffiliated audit organization since no such program is offered by professional organizations in West Bank and Gaza. 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 terms, laws, and regulations.¹

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 \$656,534, from June 29, 2020, to December 31, 2021.

The audit firm concluded that the schedule of expenditures of USAID award presented fairly, in all material respects, program revenues and costs incurred under the award for the period audited. The audit firm did not identify any questioned costs or any material internal control weaknesses but identified one material instance of noncompliance. The audit firm said that the auditee took subsequent proper corrective action on the material noncompliance instance. The

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.

audit firm said that the auditee is not subject executive order number 13224, as the program falls outside the scope of the mandatory provisions underlying mission order number 21. Further, the auditors also mentioned that Peace Players International took subsequent corrective actions to address significant deficiencies noted in the report on pages 18 to 22. In addition, the audit firm issued a management letter.

During our desk review, we noted an issue which the audit firm will need to address in future audit reports. We presented this issue in a memo to the controller dated March 22, 2023.

The report does not include any recommendations for your action.

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