

Office of the Inspector General

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY: Findings of misconduct by an MCC Senior Executive for failing to report robbery and subsequent extortion attempt

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Office of Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation after receiving information from the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) alleging that an MCC Senior Executive (SE) was robbed of his wallet and mobile phone while on a temporary duty assignment.

The OIG found¹ that the stolen phone was the SE's personal phone, which contained potentially compromising photographs of the SE. The OIG also found that the assailants gained access to photos on the MCC SE's mobile phone, attempted to extort the SE, and threatened to release the photos. The SE did not report the incident to the RSO, as required by Kenya Chief of Mission policy. The SE also did not report the incident to MCC, USAID OIG, or local law enforcement.

Criminal prosecution of the MCC SE was declined.

OIG completed its investigation and provided its report to MCC for appropriate action.

¹ Unless otherwise noted, OIG findings of misconduct are based on a preponderance of the evidence standard.