



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 28, 2023

TO: Millennium Challenge Corporation, Chief Risk Officer, Lori Giblin

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

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of Millennium Challenge Corporation Resources Managed by MCC resources managed by Millennium Challenge Account-Morocco, Euromed University of Fez for the period from April 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023 (3-MCC-23-026-N)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) resources managed by Millennium Challenge Account-Morocco (MCA-Morocco) covered provider #3, Euromed University of Fez (Euromed University), under the grant and implementation agreement and the millennium challenge compact between the Government of Morocco and the United States of America for the period from April 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023. Euromed University contracted with the audit firm Fizazi & Associates (Fizazi) to conduct the audit. Fizazi stated that it performed its audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards (GAGAS) and The Accountable Entities Guidelines for Contracted Financial Audits issued by MCC. However, Fizazi did not have external quality control review and a continuing education program that fully satisfied the GAGAS requirements. Fizazi is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on Euromed University's fund accountability statement; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the award, laws, and regulations.¹

The audit objectives were to (1) express an opinion on whether the Fund Accountability Statement for the MCC-funded programs presents fairly, in all material respects, revenues received, costs incurred, and assets directly procured with MCC funds for the period audited; (2) evaluate and obtain a sufficient understanding of the Euromed University internal controls related to the MCC-funded programs; (3) perform tests to determine whether the Euromed University complied, in all material respects, with the compact agreement and related ancillary agreements, and applicable laws and regulations related with MCC-funded programs; and (4)

¹ We reviewed the audit 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 audit firm's supporting working papers; they are not designed to enable us to directly evaluate the quality of the audit performed.

determine if Euromed University has taken adequate corrective action on prior audit report recommendations. To answer the audit objectives, Fizazi: (a) reviewed costs billed to and reimbursed with MCC funds, as well as costs incurred but pending reimbursement by the recipient, to identify, and quantify any questioned costs; (b) reviewed procurement procedures to determine whether they were conducted in a manner consistent with the MCC Program Procurement Guidelines to ensure the use of sound commercial practices; and (c) obtained an understanding of each of the five components of internal control (control environment, risk assessment, information and communication, monitoring and control activities) sufficient for assessing the risks of material misstatement of the fund accountability statements, whether due to error or fraud. Fizazi examined costs of \$ 5,406,990 for the period audited.

Fizazi concluded that the fund accountability statement presented fairly, in all material respects, program revenues and costs incurred and reimbursed, and assets and technical assistance directly procured by the MCC for the period then ended in accordance with the terms of the agreements and in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting. Fizazi did not identify any questioned costs or material weaknesses in internal control. However, the results of Fizazi's tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. Fizazi determined that for the three prior period audit recommendations, Euromed University implemented one of the recommendations; one was not implemented, while one was not applicable.

To address the problems identified in the report, we recommend that MCC's Chief Risk Officer:

Recommendation 1: Verify that the Euromed University of Fez corrects the instance of material noncompliance detailed on page 26 of the audit report.

We ask that you provide your written notification of actions planned or taken to reach a management decision.

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² The James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 Pub. L. No. 117-263, § 5274. Please direct related inquiries to oignotice_ndaa5274@usaid.gov.