

## MEMORANDUM

DATE:	February 28, 2024
то:	USAID/West Bank and Gaza, Mission Director, Amy Tohill-Stull
FROM:	Middle East and Eastern Europe Regional Office, Director, Louis Duncan, Jr. /s/
SUBJECT:	Audit of the Schedule of Expenditures of USAID Award Managed by Ein Dor Museum Under Cooperative Agreement 72029418CA00003, Youth United Against Racism Program in West Bank and Gaza, January I to December 31, 2022 (8-294-24-008-N)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on the schedule of expenditures of USAID award managed by Ein Dor Museum under Cooperative Agreement 72029418CA00003, Youth United Against Racism program, for the period from January I to December 31, 2022. USAID/ West Bank and Gaza contracted with the independent audit firm Mazars to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated it performed its audit in accordance with U.S. Government Auditing Standards. However, it did not have external quality control review program that fully satisfy the standards' requirements because professional organizations in West Bank and Gaza do not offer such a 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 of USAID awards; the effectiveness of its internal control; 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 of USAID awards for the period audited, was presented fairly, in all material respects; (2) evaluate Ein Dor Museum's internal controls; and (3) determine whether Ein Dor Museum complied with award terms and applicable laws and regulations including compliance with Executive Order 13224-Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm performed a subject financial audit that covered \$320,386 from January 1 to December 31, 2022.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;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 did not identify any material weaknesses in internal controls; any material instances of noncompliance with the award terms; or any applicable rules and regulations. Mazars said that Ein Dor Museum is not subject to Executive Order13224.

The report does not include any recommendations for your action.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 Pub. L. No. 117-263, § 5274. Please direct related inquiries to <u>oignotice\_ndaa5274@usaid.gov</u>.