



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

U.S. Agency for International Development

MEMORANDUM

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TO: USAID/Management/Office of Acquisition and Assistance/Cost, Audit and Support Division/Contract Audit Management Branch, Supervisory Auditor, Sheree Marshall

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

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of Tearfund Under Multiple USAID Agreements for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2023 (3-000-24-057-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) resources managed by Tearfund under multiple awards for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023. Tearfund contracted with Gelman Rosenberg & Freedman CPAs & Advisors (GRF) to conduct the audit. GRF stated that it performed the audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards (GAGAS) and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Financial Audit Guide for Foreign Organizations. GRF is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on Tearfund's fund accountability statement, the effectiveness of its internal control, or its compliance with the awards, laws, and regulations.¹

The audit objectives were to (1) express an opinion on whether the schedule of expenditures of USAID awards presents fairly in all material respects, the revenues received, costs incurred, and commodities and technical assistance directly procured by the U.S Government; (2) evaluate Tearfund's internal controls; (3) perform tests to determine whether the recipient complied, in all material respects, with agreement terms, and applicable laws and regulations related to U.S. Government-funded programs; (4) determine if the recipient has taken adequate corrective action on prior audit report recommendations; (5) perform an audit of the indirect cost rate if the recipient has been authorized to charge indirect costs to U.S. Government awards using provisional rates; and (6) express an opinion on whether the general purpose financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the results of its operations for the

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.

year then ended, in conformity with GAGAS. To answer the audit objectives, GRF (a) reviewed direct and indirect costs billed to and reimbursed by USAID and pass-through agencies and costs incurred but pending reimbursement, and identified and quantified any questioned costs; (b) reviewed and evaluated the recipient's internal controls related to USAID programs to obtain a sufficient understanding of the design of relevant control policies and procedures and whether those policies and procedures have been placed in operation; (c) identified the agreement terms and pertinent laws and regulations and determined which of those, if not observed, could have a direct and material effect on the fund accountability statements, and assessed the inherent and control risk that material noncompliance could occur for each of the compliance requirements; (d) reviewed the cost-sharing/matching contributions schedule to determine if the schedule is fairly presented in accordance with the basis of accounting used by the recipient to prepare the schedule; and (e) determined whether the recipient has used provisional rates to charge indirect costs to USAID. GRF examined total USAID expenditures of \$ 9,095,193 for the period audited.

GRF concluded that the schedule of expenditures of USAID awards presented fairly, in all material respects, the costs incurred and reimbursed by USAID and pass-through entities for the period audited, in accordance with the terms of the agreement. GRF did not identify any questioned costs, material weaknesses in internal control, or material instances of noncompliance. GRF stated that the statement of indirect rate calculation was fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. GRF reported that the general-purpose financial statements of Tearfund for the year ended March 31, 2023, were audited by another auditor, whose report dated July 26, 2023, expressed an unmodified opinion. Furthermore, GRF reported that there were no audit findings or recommendations pertaining to USAID awards identified in the prior year's audit report.

OIG does not routinely distribute independent public accounting reports beyond the immediate addressees because a high percentage of these reports contain information restricted from release under the Trade Secrets Act, 18 U.S.C. 1905 and Freedom of Information Act Exemption Four, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) ("commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential"). In addition, USAID OIG has determined that this transmittal memo and the enclosed report are not subject to notification and reporting requirements under Section 5274 of the National Defense Authorization Act.²

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.