



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

U.S. Agency for International Development

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 14, 2024

TO: USAID/India, Mission Director, Veena Reddy

FROM: Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Christine M. Byrne /s/

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of Multiple USAID Awards Managed by Social and Resource Development Fund in India, April 1, 2022, to April 22, 2023 (5-386-24-041-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report of Social and Resource Development Fund (SARD) in India under the following USAID awards:

Award Name (Type)	Award Number	Audit Period
Tibetan Resilience Project (cooperative agreement; closeout)	72038620CA00008	April 1, 2022, to April 22, 2023
Tibetan Self Reliance and Resilience Program (subaward)	AID-386-G-16-00001	April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023
Capacity Building and Sustainability Initiatives (cooperative agreement)	22-21112A-TIB.0-2251	May 15, 2022, to March 31, 2023

SARD contracted with the independent firm T R Chadha & Co LLP to conduct the audit. The firm stated it performed its audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards and USAID Financial Audit Guide for Foreign Organizations. However, it did not have a continuing professional education program and an external peer review program that fully satisfy the standards' requirements. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on the recipient's schedule of expenditures of USAID awards, the effectiveness of its internal control, or its compliance with the awards, laws, and regulations.¹

The audit objectives were mainly 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 SARD's internal controls; and (3) determine whether SARD complied with the awards terms and applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit objectives, the audit

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.

firm performed the subject financial audit that covered total costs of \$1,230,518 for the period from April 1, 2022, to April 22, 2023.

The audit firm concluded that the schedule of expenditures of USAID awards presented fairly, in all material respects, program revenues, and costs incurred under the awards for the period audited. The audit firm did not identify any questioned costs, material weaknesses in internal control, or material instances of noncompliance. The audit firm issued a management letter.

The report does not include any recommendations for your action.

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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.