



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL U.S. Agency for International Development

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 16, 2024

TO: USAID/Kenya and East Africa, Mission Director, David Gosney

FROM: USAID OIG Africa Regional Office, Audit Director, Ryan Werner /s/

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of USAID Resources Managed by University of Nairobi Enterprises and Services Limited in Kenya Under Cooperative Agreement AID-615-A-16-00013, July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023 (Report No. 4-615-24-104-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on USAID resources managed by University of Nairobi Enterprises and Services Limited (UNES) under the Sustaining Use of District Health Information System II in Kenya Program. UNES contracted with the independent audit firm Ernst & Young LLP, Nairobi, Kenya to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it performed its audit in accordance with International Standards of Auditing in conjunction with generally accepted government auditing standards. However, it did not have 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 UNES's schedule of expenditures of USAID awards; 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 schedule of expenditures of USAID awards for the period audited, was presented fairly, in all material respects; (2) evaluate UNES's internal controls; (3) determine whether UNES complied with award terms and applicable laws and regulations; (4) review the indirect cost rate; and (5) review the implementation status of the prior period recommendations.

To answer the audit objectives, Ernst & Young LLP (1) audited the schedule of expenditures of USAID awards including the budgeted amounts by category and major items and the revenues received from USAID for the period covered by the audit and the costs reported by UNES as incurred from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023; (2) evaluated the control environment, the adequacy of the accounting systems, and control procedures that pertain to UNES's ability to report financial data consistent with the assertions embodied in each account of the schedule of expenditures of USAID awards; (3) identified the award terms and pertinent laws and

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.

regulations and determined which of those, if not observed, could have a direct and material effect on the schedule of expenditures of USAID awards; (4) determined that the review of the indirect cost rate was not applicable; and (5) reviewed the implementation status of the prior period recommendations. UNES reported expenditures of \$3,413,182 in USAID funds during the audited period.

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 audited except for \$122,971 in total questioned costs (\$111,642 ineligible, and \$11,329 unsupported questioned costs). The audit firm identified no material weaknesses in internal control; and four instances of material noncompliance, two of the noncompliance findings were repeat findings from the prior period. In addition, although we are not making a recommendation for significant deficiencies noted in the report, we suggest that USAID/Kenya and East Africa determine if the recipient addressed the issues noted. The audit firm included as an appendix to the audit report additional mission-specific procedures performed. The audit firm also issued a management letter.

During our desk review, we noted one area for improvement which the audit firm should address in future audit reports. We presented this area in a memo to the controller, dated July 16, 2024.

To address the issues identified in the report, we recommend that USAID/Kenya and East Africa:

Recommendation 1. Determine the allowability of \$122,971 in questioned costs (\$111,642 ineligible, \$11,329 unsupported) on pages 13, 16, and 22 of the audit report and recover any amount that is unallowable.

Recommendation 2. Verify that University of Nairobi Enterprises and Services Limited corrects the two instances of material noncompliance detailed on pages 37 to 39 of the audit report.

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

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.