



*Office of Inspector General*

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 6, 2018

**TO:** USAID/Management/Office Acquisition and Assistance/Cost, Audit and Support Division, Branch Chief, David A. McNeil

**FROM:** Acting Director of External Financial Audits, Abdoulaye Gueye /s/

**SUBJECT:** Title 2 CFR Part 200 Audit of the Jane Goodall Institute for Wildlife Research, Education and Conservation and Related Entity for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015 (3-000-18-012-T)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on the Jane Goodall Institute for Wildlife Research, Education and Conservation and Related Entity for the fiscal year Ended December 31, 2015. The audit report was obtained from the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman performed the Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200 audit.

Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman states it performed its audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on the Jane Goodall Institute for Wildlife Research, Education and Conservation's financial statements; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the awards, laws, and regulations.<sup>1</sup>

The audit objectives were to; (1) express an opinion on whether the financial statements as of December 31, 2015 were presented fairly in all material respects; (2) express an opinion on whether the schedule of expenditures of federal awards as required by 2 CFR Part 200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards" is fairly stated in all material respects; (3) describe the scope of testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on its effectiveness; and (4) determine whether the Jane Goodall Institute for Wildlife Research, Education and Conservation complied in all material respects with the types of compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs.

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<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.

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards disclosed that the Jane Goodall Institute for Wildlife Research, Education and Conservation's audited expenditures were \$1,767,766 and the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) audited expenditures were \$1,678,203 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman expressed unmodified opinions based on their work, on the financial statements, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the report on compliance for each major federal program. The audit report disclosed four findings. Findings 2015-001 through 2015-004 are significant deficiencies in internal control and internal control over compliance and instances of noncompliance for major federal programs and other matters. Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman did not question any costs.

To address the issues identified in the report, we recommend that USAID's Office of Acquisition and Assistance Cost, Audit and Support Division:

### **Recommendation I.**

Verify that the Jane Goodall Institute for Wildlife Research, Education and Conservation and Related Entity corrects Findings 2015-001 through 2015-004 (see pages I-22 through I-25 of the audit report).

We ask that you provide your written notification of actions planned or taken to reach management decision. We appreciate the assistance extended during the engagement.

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If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Steve Shea, assistant director, at (202) 712-1386 or [sshea@usaid.gov](mailto:sshea@usaid.gov).

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