



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 23, 2018

**TO:** USAID/Management/Office of 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 World Learning, Inc. for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017 (3-000-18-020-T)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on World Learning, Inc. for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. The audit report was obtained from the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. Grant Thornton LLP performed the Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200 audit.

Grant Thornton LLP 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 World Learning, Inc.'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 June 30, 2017 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 World Learning, Inc. 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. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards disclosed that World Learning, Inc.'s audited expenditures were \$98,888,126 and the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) audited expenditures were \$60,158,500 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

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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.

Grant Thornton LLP 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 one finding. Finding 2017-001 is an instance of noncompliance for each major federal program. Grant Thornton LLP did not specify any questioned costs. A management letter was submitted with the audit report.

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 World Learning, Inc. corrects the instance of noncompliance detailed on pages 40 and 41 of the audit report.

We ask that you provide your written notification of actions planned or taken to reach a 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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