



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 1, 2018

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Title 2 CFR Part 200 Audit of Consortium for Elections and Political Progress Strengthening for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016 (3-000-18-021-T)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on Consortium for Elections and Political Progress Strengthening (CEPPS) for the fiscal year Ended September 30, 2016. The audit report was obtained from the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. RSM US LLP performed the Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200 audit.

RSM US 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 CEPPS'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 September 30, 2016 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 CEPPS 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 CEPPS's audited expenditures and U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) audited expenditures for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016 were \$94,143,557.

RSM US 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 the major federal program. RSM US LLP did not identify any findings or questioned costs.

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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.

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").

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

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