



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 23, 2018

**TO:** Millennium Challenge Corporation, Acting Vice President, Department of Compact Operations, Kyeh Kim

**FROM:** Principal Director, Donell Ries /s/

**SUBJECT:** Financial Audit of MCC Resources Managed by Stichting Humanistisch Voor Ontwikkelings Samenwerking Under the Agreement with MCA-Indonesia, January 1, 2016, to March 31, 2017 (M-497-18-020-N)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on MCC Resources Managed by Stichting Humanistisch Voor Ontwikkelings Samenwerking (HiVOS), a covered provider for MCA-Indonesia, for the period from January 1, 2016, to March 31, 2017. MCA-Indonesia contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm Gani Sigiuro & Handayani, a member of Grant Thornton International Ltd, to conduct the audit. The contract required the audit firm to perform the audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards and OIG's Guidelines for Financial Audits Contracted by the Millennium Challenge Corporation's Accountable Entities.<sup>1</sup>

The audit firm stated that it performed its audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards except that the audit firm did not have an external peer review. The audit firm reported it did not believe the effect of this departure was material because the firm participates in the Grant Thornton International Ltd internal quality control review program, which requires their office to be subjected to an extensive quality control review from affiliated offices every three years. The audit firm also acknowledged it did not have a continuing professional education program that fully satisfies the requirements. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an

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<sup>1</sup> On July 14, 2017, MCC OIG rescinded its Guidelines for Financial Audits Contracted by the Millennium Challenge Corporation's Accountable Entities, recognizing the Agency's role to impose requirements on its implementing partners and contractors as a management function. This contracted audit, however, was initiated before that date and follows the Guidelines.

opinion on HiVOS's fund accountability statement; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the agreement, laws, and regulations.<sup>2</sup>

The audit objectives were to (1) express an opinion on whether the fund accountability statement for the period audited, was presented fairly, in all material respects; (2) evaluate HiVOS's internal controls; and (3) determine whether HiVOS complied with agreement terms and applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm conducted an audit of MCC resources managed by HiVOS for the period from January 1, 2016, to March 31, 2017. Costs incurred for this period were \$1,523,922.

The audit firm concluded the fund accountability statement presented fairly, in all material respects, revenues received, costs incurred and assets directly procured by MCC for the period audited, except for \$212,906 in total questioned costs (\$212,906 ineligible). The audit firm also reported one significant deficiency in internal control associated with overpayment of consultant fees. Additionally, the audit firm reported five instances of material noncompliance associated with, among other things, unauthorized retention fees, VAT expense, salary overhead costs, visa and work permits expense, and vehicle tax expense.

We are not making recommendations specific to the findings reported as a significant deficiency or material noncompliance, because the compact is closed. However, to address the questioned costs identified in the report, we recommend that MCC:

**Recommendation I.** Determine the allowability of \$212,906 in questioned costs (\$212,906 ineligible), on page 18 of the audit report, and recover any amount that is unallowable.

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

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<sup>2</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.