



Office of Inspector General

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Management Letter

For: USAID/Nigeria Controller, Kathy Body

From: Acting Regional Inspector General/Dakar, Louis Duncan, Jr. /s/

SUBJECT: Audit of USAID Resources Managed by Interfaith Mediation Centre – Training of Leaders for Religious and National Co-Existence (Tolerance), Agreement No.AID-620-A-12-00003 for the Period October 3, 2012 to April 30, 2014

We have reviewed the subject audit report and found that it generally complied with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS) and the USAID Office of General Inspector Guidelines *for Financial Audits Contracted by Foreign Recipients (The Guidelines)*. However, we identified minor issues that we asked the audit firm to address and re-submit to RIG/Dakar a revised report.

It appeared that the audit report covered an eighteen months period from October 3, 2012 through April 30, 2014, which is not in compliance with the Guidelines requirements. Indeed, according to Chapter 1 and paragraph 1.5 of the Guidelines, a recipient contracted audit must be performed annually when the recipient expends \$300,000 or more in USAID awards in its fiscal year.

Not having audits performed on time makes it difficult to implement recommendations and reduces the possibility of recovering any questioned costs or mitigating identified risks.

Therefore, we recommend that USAID/Nigeria implement procedures to track its annual audit plan and verify that required audits are performed within the required timeframe.

Thank you in advance for taking necessary action to address our recommendation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Michelle Diouf at mgdiouf@usaid.gov, should you have any question.