



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 20, 2018

**TO:** USAID/Rwanda, Mission Director, Leslie Marbury

**FROM:** Regional Inspector General/Pretoria, Robert Mason /s/

**SUBJECT:** Financial Audit of USAID Resources Managed by François-Xavier Bagnoud Rwanda Under Multiple Awards, January 1 to December 31, 2017 (Report No. 4-696-19-023-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on USAID resources managed by François-Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) Rwanda under the following awards:

| Award Name (Type)                               | Award Number       | Audit Period           | Prime implementer   |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|---|
| Turengere Abana Program (cooperative agreement) | AID-696-A-12-00004 | Jan. 1, -Dec. 31 2017  |   |
| Twiyubake Program (subcontract)                 |                    | Jan. 1, -Dec. 31 2017  | ISVP-PC-16-02 under Global Communities                                      |
| Gikuriro Program (subagreement)                 |                    | Jan. 1, -Dec. 31 2017; | RW 18. SUBAGR. 8349 .P<br>1516676.02.02under Catholic Relief Services (CRS) |

FXB Rwanda contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm GPO Partners, Kigali, Rwanda to conduct the audit. The contract required the audit firm to perform the audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards (GAGAS).

The audit firm states that it performed its audit in accordance with GAGAS, except that the audit firm did not have continuing professional education and external quality control review programs that fully satisfied the requirements set forth in GAGAS. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on FXB Rwanda's fund accountability statement; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the award, laws, and regulations.<sup>1</sup>

<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 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 the FXB Rwanda's internal controls; (3) determine whether FXB Rwanda complied with award terms and applicable laws and regulations; (4) review the indirect cost rate; and (5) review the implementation status of the prior period recommendations.

To answer the audit objectives, GPO Partners (1) audited the fund accountability statement for the award including the budgeted amounts by category and major items and the revenues received from USAID for the period covered by the audit and the costs reported by FXB Rwanda as incurred from January 1 to December 31, 2017; (2) evaluated the control environment, the adequacy of the accounting systems, and control procedures that pertain to FXB Rwanda's ability to report financial data consistent with the assertions embodied in each account of the fund accountability statement; (3) identified the award terms and pertinent laws and regulations and determined which of those, if not observed, could have a direct and material effect on the fund accountability statement; (4) reviewed the indirect cost rate and determined that a 10 percent de minimus rate was applicable; and (5) reviewed the implementation status of the prior period recommendations. FXB Rwanda reported expenditures of \$1,795,772 in USAID funds during the audited period.

The audit firm concluded the fund accountability statement presented fairly, in all material respects, program revenues and costs incurred under the award for the period audited. Although the firm issued a management letter, it did not report any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control, or instances of material noncompliance. Accordingly, we do not make any recommendations.

During our desk review, we noted some minor issues which the audit firm will need to address in future audit reports. We presented these issues in a memo to the controller, dated November 20, 2018.

We appreciate the assistance extended during the engagement.

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