



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 30, 2019

**TO:** USAID/Southern Africa, Mission Director, John Groarke

**FROM:** USAID OIG Africa Regional Office, Audit Director, Robert Mason /s/

**SUBJECT:** Financial Closeout Audit of USAID Resources Managed by AgriAid in South Africa Under Cooperative Agreement 674-A-12-00027, October 1, 2017, to December 31, 2018 (Report No. 4-674-19-115-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on USAID resources managed by AgriAid in South Africa. AgriAid contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm Nolands Inc., Cape Town, South Africa to conduct the audit. The contract required the audit firm to perform the audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.

The audit firm states that it performed its audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards except that the audit firm did not have continuing education and external peer 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 AgriAid's fund accountability statement; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the award, laws, and regulations.<sup>1</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

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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.

AgriAid's internal controls; (3) determine whether AgriAid complied with award terms and applicable laws and regulations; (4) reviewed the indirect cost rate; (5) reviewed the implementation status of the prior period recommendations and (6) reviewed cost sharing contribution schedule to determine if the schedule is fairly presented.

To answer the audit objectives, Nolands (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 AgriAid as incurred from October 1, 2017, to December 31, 2018; (2) evaluated the control environment, the adequacy of the accounting systems, and control procedures that pertain to AgriAid'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) determined that the review of the indirect cost rate was not applicable; (5) reviewed the implementation status of the prior period recommendations and (6) reviewed cost sharing contribution schedule to determine if the schedule is fairly presented. AgriAid reported expenditures of \$1,653,391 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. No questioned costs, material weaknesses in internal control or instances of material noncompliance were identified. Although we are not making a recommendation for the two significant deficiencies in internal control noted in the report, we suggest that USAID/Southern Africa determine if the recipient addressed the issues noted.

During our desk review, we noted several 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 July 30, 2019.

Accordingly we are not making recommendations.

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