



MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 13, 2019

TO: USAID/Jordan, Mission Director, Jim Barnhart

FROM: USAID/OIG Middle East and Eastern Europe (M/EE) Regional Office, USDH NFA Coordinator, Abdoulaye Gueye /s/

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of USAID Resources Managed by Questscope for the USAID Non-Formal Education Program in Jordan, Cooperative Agreement AID-278-A-16-00001, January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2018 (8-278-20-002-N)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on USAID resources managed by Questscope for costs incurred under cooperative agreement AID-278-A-16-00001, Non-Formal Education Program in Jordan. USAID/Jordan contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm of Ernst & Young Jordan to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it performed its audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. However, it did not have an external peer review because such programs are not offered in Jordan. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on Questscope's fund accountability statement; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the award, laws, and regulations.¹

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 Questscope's internal controls; (3) determine whether Questscope complied with award terms and applicable laws and regulations and (4) determine if Questscope took proper actions to correct findings and recommendations contained in the prior year auditor's report. To answer the audit objectives, Ernst & Young Jordan (1) reviewed the costs billed to and reimbursed by USAID and the costs incurred but pending reimbursement for the period covering January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2018; (2) identified the award terms and pertinent laws and regulations; and (3) reviewed the status of actions taken on findings and recommendations reported in prior

¹ 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.

audits. Questscope reported expenditures of \$1,381,123 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. Ernst & Young Jordan's audit did not disclose any instances of noncompliance or deficiencies in internal controls considered to be material weaknesses. As a result, the audit firm did not make any recommendations requiring USAID's action.

We appreciate the assistance extended during the engagement.

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