



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 12, 2020

TO: USAID/West Bank and Gaza, Acting Mission Director, Courtney Chubb

FROM: USAID OIG Middle East and Eastern Europe (ME/EE) Regional Office, USDH
NFA Coordinator, John Vernon /s/

SUBJECT: Audit of the Fund Accountability Statement of Rostropovich-Vishnevskaya Foundation, Rotavirus Vaccine for Children of the West Bank Project, Cooperative Agreement AID-294-G-16-00001, April 14, 2016 to April 30, 2017 (8-294-20-039-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on the fund accountability statement of Rostropovich-Vishnevskaya Foundation, Rotavirus Vaccine for Children of the West Bank project, cooperative agreement AID-294-G-16-00001, from April 14, 2016 to April 30, 2017. The auditee contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm PricewaterhouseCopers to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it performed the audit in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. However, it did not participate in an external quality control review program because West Bank and Gaza does not offer such a review program. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on the auditee's fund accountability statement; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the award, laws, and regulations.¹

The audit objectives were mainly 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 auditee's internal controls; (3) determine whether the auditee complied with award terms and

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.

applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm performed the subject financial audit that covered \$14,790 for the period April 14, 2016 to April 30, 2017.

The auditors expressed an unmodified opinion on the fund accountability statement and did not identify any questioned costs. The audit firm identified one material internal control weakness related to lack of project operations policies and procedures and two material instances of noncompliance with the agreement terms and applicable laws and regulations. The audit firm said that the auditee took corrective actions and resolved the material internal control weakness and the two material noncompliance instances. The auditors did not identify any material instances of noncompliance with Executive Order 13224—Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism. Further, the audit firm issued a management letter.

The report does not include any recommendations for your action.

We appreciate the assistance extended during the engagement.

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