



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 30, 2020

**TO:** Millennium Challenge Corporation, Acting Risk Officer and Director, Internal Controls and Audit Compliance, Jude G. Koval

**FROM:** Director of External Financial Audits Division (IG/A/EFA), David A. McNeil /s/

**SUBJECT:** Financial Audit of MCC Resources Managed by FOMILENIO II Under the Compact Agreement Between MCC and the Republic of El Salvador, April 1, 2017, to March 31, 2018 (3-MCC-20-014-N)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) resources managed by Fondo del Milenio II (FOMILENIO II), for the period from April 1, 2017, to March 31, 2018. FOMILENIO II contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it performed its audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards and OIG's Guidelines for Financial Audits Contracted by the Millennium Challenge Corporation's Accountable Entities<sup>1</sup>. However, it did not fully satisfy the continuing professional education requirement set forth in generally accepted government auditing standards. In addition, the audit firm reported it did not have an external peer review because no such program is offered by professional organizations in El Salvador. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on FOMILENIO II's fund accountability statement; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the agreement, laws, and regulations.<sup>2</sup>

The audit objectives were to (1) express an opinion on whether the fund accountability

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<sup>1</sup> On July 14, 2017, MCC OIG rescinded its Guidelines for Financial Audits Contracted by the Millennium Challenge Corporation's Accountable Entities, recognizing the Agency's role to impose requirements on its implementing partners and contractors as a management function. This contracted audit, however, was initiated before that date and follows the Guidelines.

<sup>2</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.

statement for the period audited, was presented fairly, in all material respects; (2) evaluate the FOMILENIO II's internal controls; (3) determine whether FOMILENIO II complied with agreement terms and applicable laws and regulations; and (4) review the cost-sharing schedule. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm conducted an audit of MCC resources managed by FOMILENIO II for the period from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018. Costs incurred for this period were \$13,296,326.

The audit firm concluded the fund accountability statement presented fairly, in all material respects, program revenues, costs incurred and reimbursed, and assets and technical assistance directly procured by MCC under the agreement for the period audited. The audit firm did not identify any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control. The audit firm found no instances of material noncompliance that are required to be reported under generally accepted government auditing standards. The audit firm did not question any costs. Additionally, nothing came to the audit firm's attention that caused it to believe that FOMILENIO II did not fairly present the cost-sharing schedule, in all material respects, in accordance with the basis of accounting used to prepare the cost-sharing schedule.

We appreciate the assistance extended during the engagement.

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