



MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 13, 2020

TO: USAID/M/OAA/CAS/CAM, Division Chief, E. Lynn Brown

FROM: USAID OIG Africa Regional Office, Assistant Director, Matthew Rathgeber /s/

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of USAID Resources Managed by Medair in Multiple Countries Under Multiple Awards, January 1 to December 31, 2017 (Report No. 4-000-20-091-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on USAID resources managed by Medair in multiple countries under multiple awards listed the attached appendix I. Medair contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm Crowe U.K. LLP, London, United Kingdom, to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it performed its audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards (GAGAS). However, it did not have an external peer review that fully satisfied the requirements of GAGAS. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on Medair'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 Medair's internal controls; (3) determine whether Medair 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, Crowe U.K. LLP (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 Medair 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 Medair'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

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.

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 (5) reviewed the implementation status of the prior period recommendations. Medair reported expenditures of \$17,291,110 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, except for \$6,513 in total ineligible questioned costs; no material weaknesses in internal control; and three instances of material noncompliance. Since the questioned costs did not meet the OIG's established threshold of \$25,000 for making a recommendation, we are not making a recommendation. Nevertheless, we suggest that USAID/M/OAA/CAS/CAM determine the allowability of the \$6,513 in questioned costs and recover any amount determined to be unallowable. The audit firm issued a management letter with other issues.

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 13, 2020.

To address the issues identified in the report, we recommend that USAID/M/OAA/CAS/CAM:

Recommendation I. Verify that Medair corrects the three instances of material noncompliance detailed on pages 39 to 43 of the audit report.

We ask that you provide your written notification of actions planned or taken to reach management decision. We appreciate the assistance extended during the engagement.

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Appendix I

Award Name (Type)	Award Number	Period	Prime Implementer
Primary Health Care for Conflict Affected Populations in Iraq (grant, closeout)	AID-OFDA-G-16-00262	Jan. 1 - Jun. 30, 2017	
Global Health Cluster Partners Support to Enhance Global Capacity for Humanitarian Health (sub-award, closeout)	Sub-Award from Save the Children UK	Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, 2017	Save the Children UK
Emergency Response for Vulnerable Populations in Eastern DRC (cooperative agreement, closeout)	AID-OFDA-A-16-00011	Jan. 1 - Jul. 31, 2017	
Multi-Sector Support to Vulnerable Populations in South Sudan (grant, closeout)	AID-OFDA-G-16-00172	Jan. 1 - Aug. 31, 2017	
Essential Services for Host and IDP Populations in South Central Somalia (grant)	AID-OFDA-G-16-00175	Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2017	
Emergency Shelter and Health Care Assistance to Crisis Affected Communities (cooperative agreement)	AID-OFDA-A-17-00010	Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2017	
Emergency Shelter Provision and DRR Awareness for Hurricane Affected Households (grant, closeout)	AID-OFDA-G-17-00010	Jan. 1 - Mar. 31, 2017	
Rapid Support of Shelter Solutions to Hurricane Affected Households in Haiti (grant, closeout)	AID-OFDA-G-17-00025	Jan. 17 - Dec. 31, 2017	
Emergency Health Response to Vulnerable Populations in the East of DRC (grant)	AID-OFDA-G-17-00153	Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2017	
Multi-Sector Support to Vulnerable Populations in South Sudan (grant)	AID-OFDA-G-17-00159	Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2017	
Emergency Responses to Tropical Cyclone Enawo in Madagascar (grant)	AID-OFDA-G-17-00102	Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2017	
Multi-Sector Support to Vulnerable Conflict Affected Populations in Iraq (grant)	AID-OFDA-G-17-00223	Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2017	