



MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 31, 2020

TO: USAID/Management/Office of Acquisition and Assistance/Cost, Audit and Support Division, Supervisory Auditor, Eleanor C. Jefferson

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

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of Resources Managed by GOAL Global Under Multiple USAID Awards for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2018 (3-000-20-026-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on resources managed by GOAL Global under multiple awards for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018. GOAL contracted with the independent chartered accounting firm Sayer Vincent 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 and the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) Financial Audit Guide for Foreign Organizations. However, it did not have a continuing professional education program that fully satisfied government auditing standards and did not have an external peer review by an unaffiliated organization because such a program is not available in the United Kingdom. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on GOAL'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 GOAL's internal controls; and (3) determine whether GOAL complied with award terms including cost-sharing and applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm obtained information and explanations and performed tests to gain reasonable

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.

assurance to support their opinions. The audit firm examined incurred costs of \$48,205,503 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018.

The audit firm concluded the fund accountability statement presented fairly, in all material respects, program revenues, costs incurred and reimbursed, and commodities and technical assistances directly procured by USAID incurred under the award for the period audited in accordance with the terms of the agreement and in conformity with the modified accrual basis of accounting. The audit firm identified \$1,239,070 in total questioned indirect costs (\$1,239,070 ineligible) from using a provisional indirect cost rate that exceeded the actual rate calculated in 2018. The auditors did not identify any material weaknesses in internal control, or instances of material noncompliance. In the auditor's opinion, the schedule of computation of the indirect cost rate is fairly stated, in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole. The audit firm issued a management letter.

We appreciate the assistance extended during the engagement.

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