



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 16, 2020

**TO:** USAID/Jamaica Country Representative, Jason Fraser

**FROM:** USAID OIG Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) Regional Office, Senior Auditor, John Vernon /s/

**SUBJECT:** Financial Audit of the Transitional Living Program for Children in State Care in Jamaica Managed by University of the West Indies Open Campus/Caribbean Child Development Center, Cooperative Agreement AID-532-A-14-00001, August 1, 2018, to July 31, 2019 (9-532-21-003-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on the Transitional Living Program for Children in State Care. University of the West Indies Open Campus/Caribbean Child Development Center (UWIOC/CCDC) contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm BDO Jamaica 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 a continuing education program that fully complies with GAGAS requirements. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on UWIOC/CCDC's fund accountability statement; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the award, laws, and regulations.<sup>1</sup>

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 UWIOC/CCDC's internal controls; (3) determine whether UWIOC/CCDC complied with award terms and applicable laws and regulations; (4) determine if cost-sharing contributions were made and accounted for by UWIOC/CCDC in accordance with the terms of the agreement; and (5) determine if UWIOC/CCDC has taken adequate corrective action on prior audit recommendations. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm reported that they assessed and tested the internal controls related to the project; compliance with applicable laws,

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<sup>1</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.

regulations, the agreement's provisions; and reviewed project expenditures. The audit covered \$806,750 of USAID expenditures for 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.

The audit firm did not identify any material weaknesses in internal control or instances of material noncompliance with applicable laws, regulations, and agreement terms. The audit firm issued a management letter which included follow-up of one minor internal control deficiency from the prior audit.

The audit firm stated that based on their review, nothing came to their attention that caused them to believe that UWIOC/CCDC did not fairly present the cost sharing contributions schedule, in all material respects, in accordance with the basis of accounting used to prepare the cost sharing contributions schedule.

Based on the results of the desk review, OIG is not making any recommendation to USAID/Jamaica.

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