



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 17, 2021

TO: USAID/Tanzania, Mission Director, Andrew Karas

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

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of USAID Resources Managed by Baylor College of Medicine Children's Foundation Tanzania Under Cooperative Agreement 72062118CA00001, July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020 (Report No. 4-621-21-039-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on USAID resources managed by Baylor College of Medicine Children's Foundation Tanzania (Baylor). Baylor contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania 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 continuing professional education and 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 Baylor'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 Baylor's internal controls; (3) determine whether Baylor 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, PwC (1) audited the fund accountability statement for the award including the budgeted amounts by category and major items and the revenues received

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.

from USAID for the period covered by the audit and the costs reported by Baylor as incurred from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020; (2) evaluated the control environment, the adequacy of the accounting systems, and control procedures that pertain to Baylor'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 determined which of those, if not observed, could have a direct and material effect on the fund accountability statement; (4) determined that the review of the indirect cost rate was not applicable; and (5) reviewed the implementation status of the prior period recommendations. Baylor reported expenditures of \$2,830,462 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 \$1,093 in total questioned costs (\$983 ineligible and \$110 unsupported); six material weaknesses in internal control; and eleven 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, nor for two related noncompliance findings. Nevertheless, we suggest that USAID/Tanzania determine the allowability of the \$1,093 in questioned costs and recover any amount determined to be unallowable.

To address the issues identified in the report, we recommend that USAID/Tanzania:

Recommendation 1. Verify that Baylor College of Medicine Children's Foundation Tanzania corrects the six material weaknesses in internal control detailed on pages 24 to 29 of the audit report.

Recommendation 2. Verify that Baylor College of Medicine Children's Foundation Tanzania corrects the nine instances of material noncompliance detailed on pages 32 to 34 and 37 to 42 of the audit report.

We ask that you provide your written notification of actions planned or taken to reach management decision.

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