



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 23, 2021

**TO:** USAID/Zimbabwe, Mission Director, Arthur Brown

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

**SUBJECT:** Financial Audit of USAID Resources Managed by Mavambo Orphan Care in Zimbabwe Under Multiple Awards, January 1 to December 31, 2019 (Report No. 4-613-21-047-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on USAID resources managed by Mavambo Orphan Care under the following awards:

Award Name (Type)	Award Number	Period Audited	Prime Implementer
Mavambo Children Vana (MCV) Project (cooperative agreement)	AID-613-A-15-00002	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2019	
Mavambo Orphan Care (sub agreement)	72061318CA00001	Jan. 9 - Dec. 31, 2019	Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

Mavambo Orphan Care contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm Ernst & Young, Harare, Zimbabwe, 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 Mavambo Orphan Care'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

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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.

statement for the period audited, was presented fairly, in all material respects; (2) evaluate Mavambo Orphan Care's internal controls; (3) determine whether Mavambo Orphan Care complied with award terms and applicable laws and regulations; and (4) review the implementation status of the prior period recommendations.

To answer the audit objectives, Ernst & Young (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 Mavambo Orphan Care as incurred from January 1 to December 31, 2019; (2) evaluated the control environment, the adequacy of the accounting systems, and control procedures that pertain to Mavambo Orphan Care'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. Mavambo Orphan Care reported expenditures of \$2,525,285 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 awards for the period audited, except for \$28,789 in ineligible questioned costs. The audit questioned costs reported pertain to value-added tax (VAT). The auditors disclosed that the recipient submitted the required returns to USAID/Zimbabwe and therefore complied with the requirements to claim VAT; consequently, no recommendation is necessary. The audit report did not identify any material weaknesses in internal control, nor any instances of material noncompliance. The audit firm issued a management letter.

Accordingly, we are not making any recommendations.

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 March 23, 2021.

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