



MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 12, 2021

TO: USAID/Southern Africa, Acting Mission Director, Rebecca Krzywda

FROM: USAID OIG Africa Regional Office, Audit Director, Rob Mason /s/

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of USAID Resources Managed by HIV SA NPC in South Africa Under Multiple Agreements, October 1, 2019, to September 30, 2020 (Report No. 4-674-21-058-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on USAID resources managed by HIV SA NPC (HIVSA) under the following agreements:

Award Name (Type)	Award Number	Audit Period	Prime Implementer
Subagreement Under Anova Health Institute	72067418CA00023	Oct. 1, 2019 - Sep. 30, 2020	Anova Health Institute
Preventing HIV/AIDS in Vulnerable Populations (PHVP) Focusing on Orphans and Vulnerable Children in the Gauteng Province Project (cooperative agreement)	72067418CA00031	Oct. 1, 2019 - Sep. 30, 2020	

HIVSA contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), Johannesburg, South Africa, 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 HIVSA'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 HIVSA's internal controls; (3) determine whether HIVSA complied with award terms 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.

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 from USAID for the period covered by the audit and the costs reported by HIVSA as incurred from October 1, 2019, to September 30, 2020; (2) evaluated the control environment, the adequacy of the accounting systems, and control procedures that pertain to HIVSA'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. HIVSA reported expenditures of \$5,419,128 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 \$22,747 in unsupported questioned costs; one significant deficiency in internal control; and one instance 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/Southern Africa determine the allowability of the \$22,747 in questioned costs and recover any amount determined to be unallowable. We are not making a recommendation for the instance of material noncompliance since it relates to the reported questioned costs. In addition, although we are not making a recommendation for significant deficiency noted in the report, we suggest that USAID/Southern Africa determine if the recipient addressed the issue noted.

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 May 12, 2021. The audit firm issued a management letter.

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