



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 1, 2021

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

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

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of Oxfam GB Under Multiple USAID Agreements for the Year Ended March 31, 2019 (3-000-21-019-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on the recipient contracted audit of Oxfam GB (OxfamGB) for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019. OxfamGB contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman (GRF) to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it performed its audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards (GAGAS) and the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) Financial Audit Guide for Foreign Organizations. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on OxfamGB'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 OxfamGB's internal controls; and (3) determine whether OxfamGB complied with award terms and applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm (a) evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of the internal controls relevant to preventing or detecting material noncompliance with the compliance requirements applicable to each of OxfamGB's U.S. Government awards; and (b) examined the underlying documentation which supported the financial transactions recorded expenditures of U.S. Government awards. GRF

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.

audited \$10,442,288, of expenditure, of which \$9,969,071, were USAID audited expenditures for the year ended March 31, 2019.

The audit firm concluded that the fund accountability statements present fairly, in all material respects, costs incurred and reimbursed by USAID, the United States Department of State (USDOS) and pass-through agencies for the year ended March 31, 2019, in accordance with the terms of the agreements and in conformity with the accrual basis of accounting, except for property and equipment that is purchased with U.S. Government funding and expensed when purchased. The audit firm did not identify any material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control. In addition, GRF disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under U.S. *Government Auditing Standards* and did not question any costs.

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