



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 27, 2021

**TO:** USAID/Kenya and East Africa, Mission Director, Mark Meassick

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

**SUBJECT:** Financial Audit of USAID Resources Managed by Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops Under Cooperative Agreement 72061519CA00007, September 30, 2019, to December 31, 2020 (Report No. 4-615-21-081-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on USAID resources managed by Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops (KCCB). KCCB contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), Nairobi, Kenya, 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 KCCB'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 KCCB's internal controls; (3) determine whether KCCB 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 from USAID for the period covered by the audit and the costs reported by KCCB as incurred

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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.

from September 30, 2019, to December 31, 2020; (2) evaluated the control environment, the adequacy of the accounting systems, and control procedures that pertain to KCCB'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. KCCB reported expenditures of \$766,143 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. The audit firm identified no questioned costs; no material weaknesses in internal control; and no instances of material noncompliance. In addition, although we are not making a recommendation for significant deficiencies noted in the report, we suggest that USAID/Kenya and East Africa determine if the recipient addressed the issues noted. The audit firm also issued a management letter. Furthermore, the audit firm identified audit adjustments of \$33,162 to the amount reported and confirmed by USAID as expenditure. Although this was corrected in the fund accountability statement, the audit report indicates that USAID paid twice for the same expenditures. We therefore question this amount as unsupported.

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 July 27, 2021.

To address the issues identified in the report, we recommend that USAID/Kenya and East Africa:

**Recommendation 1.** Determine the allowability of \$33,162 in unsupported questioned costs on page 19 of the audit report and recover any amount that is unallowable.

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

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