



MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 24, 2021

TO: Millennium Challenge Corporation, Chief Risk Officer, Lori Giblin

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

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of MCC Resources Managed by MCA-Niger Under the Compact Agreement, October 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020 (3-MCC-21-011-N)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Resources Managed by Millennium Challenge Account-Niger (MCA-Niger) for the period from October 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020. MCA-Niger contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm Compagnie Fiduciaire de Management et d'Audit (COFIMA) to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it performed its audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards and MCC's interim Guidelines for Financial Audits Contracted by the Millennium Challenge Corporation's Accountable Entities. However, it did not fully satisfy the continuing professional education requirement set forth in generally accepted government auditing standards. The audit firm also reported that it did not have an external peer review because the external quality control program of OECCA-Benin (the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Benin) is not operational. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on MCA-Niger's fund accountability statement; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the agreement, 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 the MCA-Niger's internal controls; (3) determine whether MCA-Niger complied with agreement terms and applicable laws and regulations; and (4) determine if MCA-Niger has taken adequate corrective action on prior audit report recommendations. To answer the audit objectives, the

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.

audit firm conducted an audit of MCC resources managed by MCA-Niger for the period from October 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020; and determined that the recommendations made during the previous audit have for the most part been implemented except for those relating to the contracts selected for the current audit period. Costs incurred for this period were \$19,708,532.

The audit firm concluded the fund accountability statement presented fairly, in all material respects, program revenues, costs incurred and reimbursed, and assets and technical assistance directly procured by MCC under the agreement for the period audited. The audit firm did not identify any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control. The audit firm found no instances of material noncompliance that are required to be reported under generally accepted government auditing standards. There were no questioned costs. The audit firm issued a management letter.

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 letter to the Chief Risk Officer, dated September 24, 2021.

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