



MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 27, 2021

TO: USAID/Southern Africa, Regional Mission Director, Andrew Karas

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

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of USAID Resources Managed by Anova Health Institute NPC in Multiple Countries Under Multiple Awards, October 1, 2019, to September 30, 2020 (Report No. 4-674-21-099-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on USAID resources managed by Anova Health Institute (Anova) NPC under the following awards:

Award Name (Type)	Award Number	Audited Period	Prime Implementer
Accelerating Program Achievements to Control the Epidemic (APACE) (cooperative agreement) – South Africa	72067418CA00023	Oct. 1, 2019 – Sep. 30, 2020	
USAID EQUIP Consortium - Alternative Delivery of Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) (subagreement) - Zambia	AID-OAA-A-15-00070	Oct. 1, 2019 - Sep. 30, 2020	Right to Care
Meeting Targets and Maintaining Epidemic Control (TMEC) Program (subagreement)	720OAA19CA00003	Oct. 1, 2019 – Sep. 30, 2020	Jhpiego Corporation
Provide Technical Assistance Within the Framework of the Expansion of PrEP and the Development of Materials for the Training of Trainers (subagreement) - Haiti	72052120CA00003	Jun. 1 – Sep. 30, 2020	ISPD Haiti
Meeting Targets and Maintaining Epidemic Control Project Purchase Order Number 1297.0089 for EpiC and KPIF Projects (subagreements)	AID-OAA-14-00045	Oct. 1, 2019 – Sep. 30, 2020	FHI360
Reduce HIV Among Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM) in South Africa - Linkages Project (subagreement) - closeout	AID-OAA-14-00045	Oct. 1 – Oct. 31, 2019	FHI360

Anova contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm Deloitte & Touche, 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 Anova'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 Anova's internal controls; (3) determine whether Anova complied with award terms and applicable laws and regulations; (4) review the indirect cost rate, or determined that the review of the indirect cost rate was not applicable; and (5) review the implementation status of the prior period recommendations.

To answer the audit objectives, Deloitte & Touche (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 Anova 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 Anova'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. Anova reported expenditures of \$81,842,198 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 \$31,926 in total ineligible questioned costs (\$30,780 relating to the prime award and \$1,146 relating to the subawards); no material weaknesses in internal control; and six instances of material noncompliance. In addition, although we are not making a recommendation for significant deficiencies noted in the report, we suggest that USAID/Southern Africa determine if the recipient addressed the issues noted.

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 September 27, 2021.

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.

To address the issues identified in the report, we recommend that USAID/Southern Africa:

Recommendation 1. Determine the allowability of \$30,780 in ineligible questioned costs on pages 15, 21, and 23 of the audit report and recover any amount that is unallowable.

Recommendation 2. Verify that Anova Health Institute NPC corrects the six instances of material noncompliance detailed on pages 38 to 44 of the audit report.

Recommendation 3. Verify that Anova Health Institute NPC provides Right to Care NPC, Jhpiego Corporation, and FHI360 with a copy of the findings raised in the audit report for their review to (a) determine the allowability of \$1,146 in ineligible questioned costs identified on page 21, and recover the amounts determined to be unallowable; and (b) take any appropriate action regarding the two instances of material noncompliance related to the subawards detailed on pages 38 to 39.

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

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