



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL U.S. Agency for International Development

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 14, 2022

TO: USAID/Jordan Mission Director, Sherry Carlin

FROM: USAID OIG Middle East and Eastern Europe (ME/EE) Regional Office,
Supervisory Auditor, John Vernon /s/

SUBJECT: Closeout Audit of the Schedule of Expenditures of the Ministry of Education,
Partnership for Education Project in Jordan, Implementation Letter 278-IL-DO3-
EDY-MOE-04, January 1 to September 30, 2020 (8-278-22-011-N)

This memorandum transmits the final closeout audit report on the schedule of expenditures of the Ministry of Education, Partnership for Education project in Jordan, implementation letter 278-IL-DO3-EDY-MOE-04, from January 1 to September 30, 2020. USAID/Jordan contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm PKF Khattab & Co. to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it performed the audit in accordance with U.S. Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. However, it did not participate in an external quality control review program because professional organizations in Jordan do not offer such a review program. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on auditee's schedule of expenditures, internal control effectiveness or its compliance with the award, laws, and regulations.¹

The audit objectives were mainly to: (1) express an opinion on whether the schedule of expenditures for the period audited was fairly presented, in all material respects; (2) evaluate the auditee's internal controls; and (3) determine whether the auditee complied with applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm performed the subject financial audit that covered \$1,324,468 from January 1 to September 30, 2020.

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.

The auditors expressed a qualified opinion on the schedule of expenditures and questioned \$59,531 of ineligible costs. The auditors did not identify any material internal control weaknesses or any material instances of noncompliance with applicable laws and regulations.

During our desk review, we noted minor issues which the audit firm should address in future audit reports. We presented these issues in a letter to the controller dated February 14, 2022.

To address the issue identified in the report, we recommend that USAID/Jordan:

Recommendation I. Determine the allowability of \$59,531 in questioned ineligible costs on page 12 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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