



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

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 17, 2022

TO: USAID/Jamaica Country Representative, Jason Fraser

FROM: USAID OIG Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) Regional Office, Senior Auditor, John Vernon /s/

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of the Jamaica HIV Activity, Managed by Jamaica AIDS Support for Life, Cooperative Agreement 72053219CA00001, September 30, 2019, to December 31, 2020 (9-532-22-017-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on the Jamaica HIV Activity. The Jamaica AIDS Support for Life (JASL) contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm BDO Jamaica to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it performed its audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. However, it did not have a continuing education program that fully complied with GAGAS requirements. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on JASL'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 JASL's internal controls; and (3) determine whether JASL complied with award terms and applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm reported that they assessed and tested the internal controls related to the project; assessed and tested compliance with applicable laws, regulations, the agreement's provisions; and reviewed project expenditures. The audit covered \$2,066,490 of USAID expenditures for 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. However, the fund accountability statement included ineligible questioned costs totaling \$367.

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.

Since the questioned costs did not meet the OIG's established threshold of \$25,000 for making a recommendation and the audit firm confirmed that the questioned costs were reimbursed to USAID, we are not making a recommendation.

The audit firm did not identify any material weaknesses in internal control or instances of material noncompliance with applicable laws, regulations, and agreement terms. The audit firm issued a management letter which included minor internal control deficiencies.

Based on the results of the desk review, OIG is not making any recommendation to USAID/Jamaica.

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