



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

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 7, 2022

TO: USAID/Zimbabwe, Acting Mission Director, Priscilla Sampil

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

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of USAID Resources Managed by Organization for Public Health Interventions and Development in Zimbabwe Under Cooperative Agreement 72061320CA00005, October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021 (Report No. 4-613-22-062-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on USAID resources managed by Organization for Public Health Interventions and Development (OPHID) under the Target, Accelerate and Sustain Quality Care (TASQC) for HIV Epidemic Control program. OPHID contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm Grant Thornton, Harare, Zimbabwe, 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 OPHID's schedule of expenditures of USAID awards; 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 schedule of expenditures of USAID awards for the period audited, was presented fairly, in all material respects; (2) evaluate OPHID's internal controls; (3) determine whether OPHID 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, Grant Thornton (1) audited the schedule of expenditures of USAID awards 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 OPHID as incurred from October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021; (2) evaluated the control environment, the adequacy of the accounting systems, and control procedures that pertain to

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.

OPHID's ability to report financial data consistent with the assertions embodied in each account of the schedule of expenditure of USAID awards; (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 schedule of expenditure of USAID awards; (4) determined that the review of the indirect cost rate was not applicable; and (5) reviewed the implementation status of the prior period recommendations. OPHID reported expenditures of \$19,323,774 in USAID funds during the audited period.

The audit firm concluded the schedule of expenditures of USAID awards presented fairly, in all material respects, program revenues and costs incurred under the award for the period audited except for \$25,283 in ineligible questioned costs. The audit firm identified no material weaknesses in internal control and one instance of material noncompliance. In addition, although we are not making a recommendation for significant deficiencies noted in the report, we suggest that USAID/Zimbabwe 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 June 7, 2022.

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

Recommendation 1. Determine the allowability of \$25,283 in ineligible questioned costs on pages 11 and 12 of the audit report and recover any amount that is unallowable.

Recommendation 2. Verify that Organization for Public Health Interventions and Development corrects the one instance of material noncompliance detailed on pages 23 and 24 of the audit report.

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

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