



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

U.S. Agency for International Development

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 2, 2022

TO: USAID/Kenya and East Africa, Mission Director, David Gosney

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

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of USAID Resources Managed by St. John's Community Centre Pumwani in Kenya Under Multiple Awards, January 1 to December 31, 2021 (Report No. 4-615-23-017-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on USAID resources managed by St. John's Community Centre (SJCC) Pumwani under the following awards:

Award Name (Type)	Award Number	Audit Period	Prime Implementer
4BetterHealth (cooperative agreement)	72061521CA000013	Apr. 21 – Dec. 31, 2021	
Tumikia Mtoto (subaward)	72061521CA00002-01-SJCC	May 1 – Dec. 31, 2021	World Vision Kenya
Comprehensive Assistance, Support and Empowerment of Orphans and Vulnerable Children (CASE-OVC) (subaward)(closeout)	AID-615-A-17-00002	Jan. 1 - Apr. 30, 2021	Christian Aid
Making Well-Informed Efforts to Nurture Disadvantaged Orphans and Vulnerable Children (MWENDO) (subaward)(closeout)	AID-615-A-17-00003	Jan. 1 - May 31, 2021	Catholic Relief Services

SJCC contracted with the independent audit firm PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. (PwC), Nairobi, Kenya 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 an external peer review or a continuing professional education program that fully satisfy the standards' requirements. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on SJCC'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 SJCC's internal controls; (3) determine whether SJCC 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, PwC (1) audited the schedule of expenditures of USAID awards 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 SJCC as incurred from January 1 to December 31, 2021; (2) evaluated the control environment, the adequacy of the accounting systems, and control procedures that pertain to SJCC's ability to report financial data consistent with the assertions embodied in each account of the schedule of expenditures 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 expenditures of USAID awards; (4) or determined that the review of the indirect cost rate was not applicable; and (5) reviewed the implementation status of the prior period recommendations. SJCC reported expenditures of \$1,753,268 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. The audit firm identified \$24,240 in unsupported questioned costs; no material weaknesses in internal control; and two instances of material noncompliance. Since the questioned costs did not meet the OIG's established threshold of \$25,000 for making a recommendation, we are not making a recommendation. Nevertheless, we suggest that USAID/Kenya and East Africa determine the allowability of the \$24,240 in questioned costs and recover any amount determined to be unallowable. Since one instance of material noncompliance relates to the questioned costs, we will not be making a recommendation for it. The audit firm issued a management letter finding on page 58 of the audit report.

To address the issues identified in the report, we recommend that USAID/Kenya and East Africa:

Recommendation I. Verify that St. John's Community Centre corrects the one instance of material noncompliance detailed on page 35 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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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.

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