



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 16, 2022

TO: USAID/Afghanistan Mission Director, Sean Callahan

FROM: USAID OIG Asia Regional Office USDH NFA Coordinator, Rhonda M. Horried /s/

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of the Schedule of Expenditures of USAID Awards Under the Assistance for the Development of Afghan Legal Access and Transparency Program in Afghanistan, Managed by Checchi and Company Consulting, Inc., July 1, 2020, to April 30, 2021 (5-306-23-003-N)

This memorandum transmits the financial audit report on the Schedule of Expenditures of USAID Awards for the Development of Afghan Legal Access and Transparency Program in Afghanistan Contract AID-306-TO-16-00007, managed by Checchi and Company Consulting, Inc. (Checchi) for the period July 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021. USAID/Afghanistan contracted with the independent audit firm CliftonLarsonAllen LLP to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated it performed its audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on the recipient'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 Checchi's internal controls; (3) determine whether Checchi complied with award terms and applicable laws and regulations; and (4) determine if Checchi has taken adequate corrective actions on prior audit recommendations. The audit examined the project's revenues and costs of \$13,282,077 and \$13,098,695, respectively for the audited period.

The audit firm concluded that the schedule of expenditures of USAID awards presented fairly, in all material respects, revenues and costs incurred for the audited period. The audit firm did not

¹ We reviewed the audit firm's report for conformity with professional reporting standards. Our desk reviews are typically performed to identify items that need clarification or issues that require management attention. Desk reviews are limited to review of the audit report itself and exclude review of the auditor's supporting working papers; they are not designed to enable us to directly evaluate the quality of the audit performed.

identify any questioned costs, material weaknesses in internal control, or instances of material noncompliance. The audit firm reported that there were no prior audit recommendations for the audited program.

The report does not include any recommendations.

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