



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

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 20, 2023

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 Deloitte & Touche LLP in Eastern Africa Under Multiple Awards, May 1, 2021, to April 30, 2022 (Report No. 4-623-23-050-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on USAID resources managed by Deloitte & Touche LLP under the following awards: 1) Young African Leader's Initiative (YALI) Regional Leadership Center (RLC)- East Africa Project, AID-OAA-A-15-00030 [closeout]; and 2) Tujenge Jamii Activity Project, 72061521CA00006. Deloitte & Touche LLP 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 Deloitte & Touche LLP'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 Deloitte & Touche LLP's internal controls; (3) determine whether Deloitte & Touche LLP 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 Deloitte & Touche LLP as incurred from May 1, 2021, to April 1, 2022; (2) evaluated the control environment, the adequacy of the accounting systems, and control procedures that pertain to Deloitte & Touche LLP's ability to report financial data consistent with the assertions embodied in each account of

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 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) determined that the review of the indirect cost rate was not applicable; and (5) reviewed the implementation status of the prior period recommendations. Deloitte & Touche LLP reported expenditures of \$9,519,159 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 \$12,875 in ineligible questioned costs; no material weaknesses in internal control; and one instance of material noncompliance specifically related to the questioned costs. 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 for the questioned costs or the specifically related instance of noncompliance. Nevertheless, we suggest that USAID/Kenya and East Africa determine the allowability of the \$12,875 in questioned costs and recover any amount determined to be unallowable. The audit firm also issued a management letter and a report on Mission concerns raised.

Accordingly, we are not making any recommendations.

During our desk review, we noted several areas for improvement which the audit firm should address in future audit reports. We presented these areas in a memo to the controller, dated January 20, 2023.

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