



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

U.S. Agency for International Development

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 13, 2024

TO: USAID/India Mission Director, Veena Reddy

FROM: Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Christine M. Byrne /s/

SUBJECT: Closeout Audit of USAID/India's Sustainable Enterprises for Water and Health Project Managed by Safe Water Network India, Cooperative Agreement 72038620CA00003, April 1, 2022, to June 19, 2023 (5-386-24-038-R)

This memorandum transmits the closeout audit report of Sustainable Enterprises for Water and Health project managed by Safe Water Network India (SWNI), cooperative agreement 72038620CA00003, from April 1, 2022, to June 19, 2023. Safe Water Network India contracted with the independent audit firm Bansal & Co. LLP to conduct the audit. The firm stated it performed its audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. However, it did not have continuing professional education and external quality control review programs that satisfy GAGAS requirements. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on the auditee'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 mainly 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 SWNI's internal controls; and (3) determine whether SWNI complied with the award terms and applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm performed the subject financial audit that covered total costs of \$1,052,630 for the period from April 1, 2022, to June 19, 2023.

The audit firm concluded that the schedule of expenditures of USAID awards presented fairly, in all material respects, project revenues and costs incurred under the agreement for the period audited. The audit firm did not identify any questioned costs, any material internal control weaknesses, or any material instances of noncompliance.

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 work papers; desk reviews are not designed to enable us to directly evaluate the quality of the audit performed.

The report does not include any recommendations for your action.

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² The James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 Pub. L. No. 117-263, § 5274. Please direct related inquiries to oignotice_ndaa5274@usaid.gov.