



# OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

## U.S. Agency for International Development

### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 24, 2024

**TO:** Sheree F. Marshall  
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**FROM:** David A. McNeil /s/  
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**SUBJECT:** Independent Examination Report on the Adequacy and Cost Accounting Standards Compliance of ACIDI VOCA's Original Disclosure Statement (3-000-24-059-1)

This memorandum transmits the Independent Examination Report on the Adequacy and Cost Accounting Standards Compliance of ACIDI VOCA's Original Disclosure Statement (Statement). The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Office of Acquisition and Assistance, Cost, Audit and Support Division, Contract Audit Management Branch contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm of Tichenor & Associates, LLP, (Tichenor) to conduct the audit. Tichenor stated that it performed its audit in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS) issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Tichenor is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on whether Tichenor's independent examination results and conclusions that ACIDI VOCA's management's assertion is fairly stated in all material respects is accurate.<sup>1</sup>

Tichenor's audit objectives were to examine ACIDI VOCA's Statement to verify that it is: (1) current, accurate, and complete; (2) adequately described ACIDI VOCA's cost accounting practices; and (3) disclosed cost accounting practices that materially comply with Cost Accounting Standards (CAS), including the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

controls to prevent or detect and correct noncompliance due to fraud or error. To answer the audit's objectives, Tichenor: (1) examined ACDI VOCA's Statement to determine if the disclosed cost accounting practices comply with CAS; (2) ensured that the disclosed cost accounting practices comply with the CAS, including the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal controls to prevent or detect and correct noncompliance due to fraud or error; and (3) expressed an opinion on ACDI VOCA's compliance based on an examination in accordance with GAGAS.

Tichenor concluded that ACDI VOCA's Statement is current, accurate, complete, and adequately described its cost accounting practices, as well as disclosed cost accounting practices that materially comply with CAS, including the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal controls to prevent or detect and correct noncompliance due to fraud or error. Further, Tichenor's procedures resulted in no findings concluding that ACDI VOCA's Statement failed to meet the adequacy and CAS compliance requirements of Federal Disclosure Regulation 48 Code of Federal Regulation 9903.202.

OIG does not routinely distribute independent public accounting reports beyond the immediate addressees because a high percentage of these reports contain information restricted from release under the Trade Secrets Act, 18 U.S.C. 1905 and Freedom of Information Act Exemption Four, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) ("commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential"). In addition, USAID OIG has determined that this transmittal memo and the enclosed report are not subject to notification and reporting requirements under Section 5274 of the National Defense Authorization Act.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> 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](mailto:oignotice_ndaa5274@usaid.gov).