

## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** December 9, 2024

TO: USAID/Jordan, Mission Director, Leslie Reed

**FROM:** Middle East and Eastern Europe Regional Office, Acting Assistant Audit Director,

David Clark /s/

**SUBJECT:** Audit of the Schedule of Expenditures of the Independent Election Commission

Under Implementation Letter 278-IL-DO2-IEC-IPP-01, IEC Partnership Program in Jordan, Development Objective Agreement 278-CDCS-DRG-00, January I to

December 31, 2023 (8-278-25-004-N)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report of the schedule of expenditures of the Independent Election Commission (IEC) under implementation letter 278-IL-DO2-IEC-IPP-01, IEC Partnership Program in Jordan, development objective agreement 278-CDCS-DRG-00, from January I to December 31, 2023. USAID/Jordan contracted with the independent audit firm PFK Jordan, Khattab & Co. to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated it performed its audit in accordance with U.S. Government Auditing Standards. However, it did not have an external quality control review program that fully satisfy the standards' requirements. The audit firm explained that professional organizations in Jordan do not offer such a quality control review program. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on auditee's schedule of expenditures of USAID awards; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the award, laws, and regulations of the enclosed report and the award, laws, and regulations.

The audit objectives were to (I) express an opinion on whether the schedule of expenditures of the USAID award for the period audited, was presented fairly, in all material respects; (2) evaluate the auditee's internal controls; and (3) determine whether the auditee complied with the award's terms and applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm performed the subject financial audit that covered \$1,146,004, from January I to December 31, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

The audit firm concluded that the schedule of expenditures of the USAID award presented fairly, in all material respects, program revenues, costs incurred and reimbursed, and commodities and technical assistance directly procured by USAID for the audited period and did not include any questioned costs. The audit firm did not identify any material weaknesses in internal control or any material instances of noncompliance with the award terms, applicable rules, and regulations.

The report does not include any recommendations for your action.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;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