



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

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 30, 2025

TO: USAID/Philippines Mission Director, Ryan Washburn

FROM: Asia Regional Office, Audit Assistant Director, Rhonda M. Horried /s/

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of USAID Multiple Awards Managed by UP Public Administration Research and Extension Services Foundation, Inc., January 1 to December 31, 2022 (5-492-25-018-R)

This memorandum transmits the final report on the financial audit of the following USAID awards managed by UP Public Administration Research and Extension Services Foundation, Inc. (UPPAF):

Award Name (Type)	Award Number	Audit Period
RESPOND Project (Cooperative Agreement)	72049219CA00003	January 1 – December 31, 2022
YOUTHLED Project (Subaward)	32376-500-26-95601	January 1 – December 31, 2022

UPPAF contracted with the independent audit firm, Punongbayan & Araullo to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated it performed its audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing, in conjunction with generally accepted government auditing standards (GAGAS) and USAID Financial Audit Guide for Foreign Organizations. However, the audit firm disclosed that it did not have continuing professional education and external peer review programs that fully 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 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 mainly to (1) express an opinion on whether UPPAF's schedule of expenditures of USAID awards for the period audited was presented fairly, in all material respects; (2) evaluate UPPAF's internal controls related to the USAID-funded project; and (3) determine whether UPPAF complied with the award terms and applicable laws and regulations. To answer the

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 workpapers; they are not designed to enable us to directly evaluate the quality of the audit performed.

audit objectives, the audit firm conducted this financial audit that covered costs of \$7,667,796 for the audited period.

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 except for \$9,803 unsupported questioned costs. The audit firm did not identify any material internal control weaknesses, or any instances of noncompliance. Since the questioned costs did not meet the OIG's established threshold of \$25,000 for making a recommendation, we did not make a recommendation. Nevertheless, we suggest that USAID/Philippines determine the allowability of the \$9,803 in questioned costs and recover any amount determined to be unallowable. In addition, although we do not make a recommendation for significant deficiencies noted in the report, we suggest USAID/Philippines determine if the recipient addressed the issues noted.

The report does not include any recommendations for your action.

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.²

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.