



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

U.S. Agency for International Development

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Peter Marocco
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SUBJECT: Audits of the Disposition of Assets for Terminated USAID Awards

Assets still in-country without active U.S. control are at risk of looting, terrorism, or being seized by other parties, making it crucial to address their status and management promptly. To understand the status of these assets and help inform the agency's decisions about next steps, the Office of Inspector General is initiating work examining the disposition of assets for recently terminated USAID awards. We intend to perform concurrent audits from our overseas offices covering U.S. foreign assistance in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East.

The audit objective is to determine the status of USAID-funded physical assets procured under selected awards. As part of this effort, we intend to produce a listing of assets that require attention for proper accounting, transfer, and disposition. Assets included in this audit may include real property, vehicles, and equipment as well as warehoused inventory like food and medicine.

We would like to schedule an entrance conference with you on or about March 14, 2025. Please identify a principal point of contact that can help schedule the meeting and provide us with (1) a list of USAID awards terminated between January 20, 2025, and the date of this announcement memorandum, and (2) a list of USAID personnel in each region that can provide and speak to award documentation necessary to plan and perform the audits.

If we terminate or significantly change the audits before the work is complete, I will notify you in writing. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

We look forward to working with you and your staff during these audits.

Cooperation With the Office of Inspector General

OIG plays a vital role in the prevention and detection of fraud, waste, mismanagement, and abuse in U.S. foreign assistance. It conducts independent and objective audits, investigations, and other levels of review to advance the effectiveness and efficiency of programs and activities.

To conduct its work, OIG needs, and is statutorily entitled to, information relating to its work from all USAID offices. Among other legal authorities conferred by the Inspector General Act (IG Act), the Inspector General is authorized to “have access to all records, reports, audits, reviews, documents, papers, recommendations, or other material” available to USAID that relate to any of the programs and operations under OIG's oversight authority.¹

As we work in support of our shared mission, all USAID employees will cooperate fully with OIG in executing its statutory mandate. This ongoing cooperation includes:

- promptly providing materials responsive to a request and other materials relevant to that request (even if not specifically sought by name);
- honoring OIG's requests for interviews with program officials in a timely manner;
- respecting employees' rights to speak directly and confidentially with OIG in accordance with legal requirements; and
- refraining from inappropriate activity that might inhibit any communication or cooperation between a USAID employee or contractor with OIG.

OIG is entitled to classified national security information, privacy-protected materials, information protected by privileges, and other sensitive information. USAID does not waive any statutory protections or privileges by providing such materials to OIG. OIG employees are obligated to protect that information. Moreover, OIG is entitled to materials originating from agencies outside USAID. Agency employees should alert OIG when transferring material falling into any of these categories. If there is any question about the status of certain materials or how to handle them, employees should consult with the Office of the General Counsel to ensure documents are properly identified, marked, and treated; however, this should not delay delivery of materials to OIG.

USAID employees are prohibited from concealing responsive information or obstructing audits, inspections, investigations, or other OIG inquiries. Reprisal against employees for providing information to OIG or reporting allegations of fraud, waste, or abuse to OIG is against the law.

OIG's important obligations in the conduct of its audits, investigations, and inspections include:

- honoring requests for confidentiality to the extent permitted by law;
- coordinating with Agency managers and supervisors to avoid undue disruption of ongoing work; and
- respecting and segregating sensitive materials so that USAID privileges and other obligations are not compromised (thus allowing USAID to assert applicable claims prior to any production outside USAID).

¹ Section 6(a)(1) of the IG Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 3).