

## Office of Inspector General

## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: June 26, 2025

TO: USAID/Jordan Mission Director, Leslie Reed

FROM: Middle East and Eastern Europe Regional Office, Audit Director, Louis Duncan,

SUBJECT: Audit of the Schedule of Expenditures of Jordan Ministry of Education's

Implementation Letter 278-IL-DO3-EDY-MOE-005, the Partnership for

Education II, January I to December 31, 2023 (8-278-25-019-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report of the schedule of expenditures of Jordan Ministry of Education's implementation letter 278-IL-DO3-EDY-MOE-005, the Partnership for Education II, from January I to December 31, 2023. USAID/Jordan contracted with the independent audit firm Nobani & Marouf to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it performed its audit in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards. However, it did not have external quality control review or continuing professional education programs that fully satisfy the standards' requirements. The audit firm explained that professional organizations in Jordan does not offer such a review program. 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; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the award, laws, and regulations.

The audit objectives were mainly to: (1) express an opinion on whether the schedule of expenditures 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 terms and the applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm performed the subject financial audit that covered \$7,374,788 for the period January I to December 31, 2023.

The audit firm concluded that the schedule of expenditures presented fairly, in all material respects, program revenues and costs incurred for the period audited. The audit firm did not

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.

identify any questioned costs. The auditors did not identify any material weaknesses in internal control or any material instances of noncompliance.

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.<sup>2</sup>

<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 <u>oignotice\_ndaa5274@usaid.gov</u>.