



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

U.S. Agency for International Development

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Eric Ueland
USAID/Performing the Duties of Administrator and Chief Operating Officer

Douglas A. Pitkin
USAID/Acting Chief Financial Officer

FROM: David A. McNeil /s/
External Financial Audits Division Director

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of Handicap International Federation in Multiple Countries Under Multiple Awards, for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023 (3-000-26-009-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) resources managed by Handicap International Federation (HIF) in multiple countries under multiple awards for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. HIF contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman (GRF) to conduct the audit. GRF stated that it performed its audit in accordance with U.S. Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS) issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. GRF is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on HIF'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 to (1) express an opinion on whether the schedule of expenditures of USAID awards for the period audited, was presented fairly, in all material respects; (2) evaluate HIF's internal controls related to USAID funded programs; (3) determine whether HIF complied with agreement terms and applicable laws and regulations; (4) determine if HIF has taken adequate corrective action on prior audit recommendations; (5) determine if cost-sharing contributions were provided and accounted for by HIF in accordance with the terms of the agreements; (6) perform an audit of the indirect cost rates and a reconciliation to the general purpose financial statements; and (7) determine whether the general purpose financial statements were audited. To answer the audit objectives, GRF: (1) reviewed direct and indirect

¹ 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.

costs billed to and reimbursed by USAID and pass-through agencies and costs incurred but pending reimbursement, and identified and quantified any questioned costs; (2) reviewed the recipient's internal controls related to USAID programs to obtain a sufficient understanding of the design of relevant control policies and procedures and whether those policies and procedures have been in operation; (3) identified the agreement terms and pertinent laws and regulations and determine which of those, if not observed, could have a direct and material effect on the schedule of expenditures of USAID awards; (4) reviewed the status of actions taken on findings and recommendations reported in prior audits of USAID funded programs, and evaluated whether HIF took appropriate corrective action; (5) reviewed the cost-sharing contributions schedule to determine if the schedule is fairly presented in accordance with the basis of accounting used by the recipient to prepare the schedule; (6) performed tests of the actual indirect cost rates for the year to determine whether the indirect cost rates are accurately calculated and if costs included in this calculation reconcile with the total expenses shown in the recipient's audited general purpose financial statements; and (7) examined the recipient's audited general purpose financial statements to determine whether an opinion is expressed as to whether those statements are presented fairly in all material respects. GRF reported total USAID audited expenditures of \$24,772,050 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

GRF concluded that the schedule of expenditures of USAID awards presented fairly, in all material respects, the costs incurred and reimbursed by USAID and pass-through entities for the year ended December 31, 2023. GRF identified \$213 in unsupported questioned costs. Since the questioned costs did not meet the OIG's established threshold of \$25,000 for making a recommendation, we are not making a recommendation. Nevertheless, we suggest that USAID determine the allowability of the \$213 in unsupported questioned costs and recovers any amount determined to be unallowable. GRF identified two significant deficiencies in internal control that were also reported as instances of noncompliance. In addition, although we are not making a recommendation for significant deficiencies noted in the report, we suggest that USAID determine if the recipient addressed the issues noted. GRF reported that one prior audit finding was cleared and two prior audit findings were not cleared. GRF stated that based on their review, nothing came to their attention that caused them to believe that HIF did not fairly present the cost sharing schedule, in all material respects, in accordance with the basis of accounting used to prepare the cost sharing schedule. GRF noted certain matters involving internal control and its operation, and immaterial instances of noncompliance reported to the management of HIF in the report on findings and recommendations. Furthermore, GRF concluded that the information in the statement of indirect rate calculation was fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The general-purpose financial statements of Handicap International Federation for the year ended December 31, 2023, were audited by another auditor, whose report expressed an unmodified opinion.

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.