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AUDIT OF USAID/WEST BANK AND GAZA'S PARTNER VETTING AND GEO- MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS (EXECUTIVE SUMMARY)

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This is an executive summary of our report on “Audit of USAID/West Bank and Gaza’s Partner Vetting and Geo-Management Information Systems.” The Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA) requires agencies to implement an agency-wide information security program to protect their information and information systems, including those provided or managed by another agency, contractor, or source. The act also requires agencies to have an annual assessment of their information systems.

In response to FISMA requirements, National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) developed Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 200, “Minimum Security Requirements for Federal Information and Information Systems,” and FIPS 199, “Standards for Security Categorization of Federal Information and Information Systems,” to make sure all federal agencies comply with FISMA. NIST also established guidelines in its Special Publication 800-53 for selecting and specifying security controls for organizations and information systems to help executive agencies meet the requirements of FIPS 200.

The Regional Inspector General/Cairo (RIG/Cairo) conducted this audit as part of its fiscal year 2013 audit plan. The objective was to determine whether USAID/West Bank and Gaza implemented minimum security controls to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of three of the mission’s critical information systems—the Partner Vetting System, Partner Vetting System Nongovernmental Organization Portal, and Geo-Management Information System—according to the NIST requirements. While the mission has implemented some controls for all three systems, the audit found weaknesses in other security control areas that needed improvement.

Based on the audit results, RIG/Cairo made 37 recommendations to help USAID/West Bank and Gaza and USAID/Office of Security strengthen their information security program. Management decisions were made on 37 recommendations, and final action was taken on 7 of them.

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