

2.1 INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of
ASSOCIAÇÃO CENTRO PELA SAÚDE GLOBAL (C-SAÚDE)
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Maputo, Mozambique

Report on the Audit of the Schedule of Expenditures of CDC Award

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the CDC awards of **Associação Centro pela Saúde Global (C-Saúde) for the AVANTE Project under the Cooperative Agreement Nº NU2GGH002367** (the Entity) which comprise the schedule of expenditures for the period from 1 May to 29 September 2023, and the related notes to the schedule of expenditures of CDC awards.

In our opinion, the accompanying schedule of expenditures of CDC awards presents fairly, in all material respects, program revenues, costs incurred and reimbursed, and commodities and technical assistance directly procured by C-Saúde for the period ended 29 September 2023 in accordance with the terms of the agreements and in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 2.2.1.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the U.S. Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (GAGAS) and International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the schedule of expenditures of CDC awards section of our report. We are independent of Associação Centro pela Saúde Global (C-Saúde) and have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Other Matters

We did not have an external quality control review by an unaffiliated audit organization as required under Chapter 5, paragraphs 5.63 through 5.65 of the U.S. Government Auditing Standards, since no such program is offered by professional organizations in Mozambique. We believe that the effects of this departure from U.S. Government Auditing Standards is not material because we participate in the Ernst & Young Global worldwide internal quality control review program which requires our office to be subjected, every three years, to an extensive quality control review by partners and managers from other affiliate offices. The most recent audit quality review program was conducted for the Ernst Young financial year ended 30 June 2023.

Responsibilities of Management for the schedule of expenditures of CDC awards

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the schedule of expenditures of CDC awards in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing Associação Centro pela Saúde Global (C-Saúde) financial reporting process.

Management of Associação Centro pela Saúde Global (C-Saúde) are required to ensure that the (C-Saúde) keeps proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the CDC funded program. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the CDC funded program.

In preparing the schedule of expenditures of CDC awards, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Associação Centro pela Saúde Global (C-Saúde) ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the schedule of expenditures of CDC awards is available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Schedule of Expenditures of CDC awards

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the schedule of expenditures of CDC awards is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAGAS and ISAs, will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users made on the basis of the schedule of expenditures of CDC awards.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAGAS and ISAs's, we:

- ▶ Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- ▶ Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the schedule of expenditures of CDC awards, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures to the schedule of expenditures of CDC awards
- ▶ Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.
- ▶ Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the schedule of expenditures of CDC awards.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Internal Control and Compliance Reports

In accordance with GAGAS, we have also issued our reports dated 26 June 2024, on our consideration of Associação Centro pela Saúde Global (C-Saúde) internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws and regulations. Those reports are an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with U.S. Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this Independent Auditor's Report in considering the results of our audit.

This report is intended for the information of Associação Centro pela Saúde Global (C-Saúde) and CDC. However, upon release by the CDC, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

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