

Report in Brief

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Why OIG Did This Review

The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) was authorized to receive \$48 billion in funding for the 5-year period beginning October 1, 2008, to assist foreign countries in combating HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria. Additional funds were authorized to be appropriated through 2018.

The act that implemented PEPFAR requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Inspector General, to provide oversight of PEPFAR. We conducted a series of audits of organizations receiving PEPFAR funds from HHS, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Our objective was to determine whether CDC's Namibia office (CDC-Namibia) implemented recommendations from our prior audit.

How OIG Did This Review

Our audit covered the budget periods from October 1, 2014, through September 30, 2017 (audit period). We reviewed the official award files for four of the six recipients (both for-profit and nonprofit organizations) in Namibia that received the most CDC funding during the audit period. During the audit period, CDC awarded four of the six recipients in Namibia \$38.1 million. Our focus was on the implementation of prior recommendations during FYs 2015, 2016, and 2017.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Namibia Office Implemented Our Prior Audit Recommendations

What OIG Found

CDC-Namibia implemented corrective actions for all three of the recommendations from our prior audit report. In implementing our prior audit recommendations, CDC-Namibia developed and implemented the *CDC-Namibia Framework for Cooperative Agreement Management* (the Framework).

Prior Recommendations	CDC-Namibia Corrective Actions Described in the Framework
Implement Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for monitoring recipients' use of PEPFAR funds. These include, but are not limited to, documenting CDC-Namibia's:	Developed expanded written SOPs for grant management and monitoring. Expanded and restructured the CDC-Namibia Management and Operations team to enhance internal coordination and build team capacity. Established controls to ensure all project officers took the CDC International Project Officer course and periodic refreshers. Developed a comprehensive tracker to manage all aspects of a cooperative agreement.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• review of progress reports;• review of expenditures and financial status reports (FSR); and	Incorporated a documented review of annual progress reports and FSRs into SOPs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• site visits, discussions, and meetings with recipients.	Established an annual monitoring plan for each grantee to include monthly meetings and annual site visits.

What OIG Recommends

This report contains no recommendations.