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Inspector General
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Re: External Peer Review Report

This required external peer review was conducted in accordance with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) Inspection and Evaluation Committee guidance as contained in the CIGIE *Guide for Conducting Peer Reviews of Inspection and Evaluation Organizations of Federal Offices of Inspector General*. The peer review was conducted from March 9, 2020 through July 9, 2020.

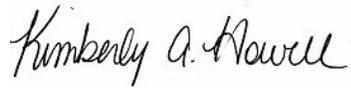
The Corporation for Public Broadcasting and Security and Exchange Commission Offices of Inspector General (Review Team) assessed the extent to which the Peace Corps Office of Inspector General met seven Blue Book standards, specifically: Quality Control; Planning; Data Collections and Analysis; Evidence; Records Maintenance; Reporting; and Follow-up. This assessment included a review of the Peace Corps Office of Inspector General Evaluation Unit Handbook internal policies and procedures, issued March 2019, implementing the seven required CIGIE *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation* (Blue Book), January 2012. It also included a review of two inspection and evaluation reports issued between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019, to determine whether the reports complied with the covered Blue Book standards and the Evaluation Unit Handbook's policies and procedures.

The Review Team determined that the Peace Corps Office of Inspector General policies and procedures generally met the seven Blue Book standards addressed in the external peer review. Of the two reports reviewed, both generally met the Blue Book standards and complied with the Evaluation Unit Handbook's policies and procedures.

We have issued a separate Letter of Comment dated July 22, 2020, that sets forth a specific finding with recommendations identified during the peer review. The finding described in our Letter of Comment was not considered to be sufficient to affect our overall assessment of the Peace Corps compliance with the Blue Book Standards. The Peace Corps Office of Inspector

General's management officials provided a response to our Letter of Comment in which they agreed with our two recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberly A. Howell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

Kimberly A. Howell
Inspector General
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Enclosures (2)

Scope and Methodology

The Review Team judgmentally selected the following two reports for review from eight reports issued for the period January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019:

- Evaluation of Peace Corps/Kyrgyz Republic (IG-19-08-E), issued 9/27/19; and
- Review of New Country Entry Guidance for Conflict-Affected Countries (IG-19-05-SR), issued 9/19/19.

We conducted this review in accordance with CIGIE *Guide for Conducting Peer Reviews of Inspection and Evaluation Organizations of Federal Offices of Inspector General*. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Review Team did not conduct an onsite visit. Alternatively, we conducted the review using TeamMate files, records maintained on the agency's shared drive, and interviews of OIG officials, as necessary.

[Peace Corps OIG response to external peer review report]



July 17, 2020

Kimberly A. Howell
Inspector General
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Dear Inspector General Howell,

This letter conveys our response to the draft external peer review report provided to us July 10, 2020. The draft external peer review report concluded that our policies and procedures generally met the seven Blue Book standards addressed by the external peer review, and that the reports reviewed both generally met the standards and complied with our evaluation unit handbook's policies and procedures.

We appreciate the thorough and professional manner with which the peer review team conducted this external peer review.

Sincerely,

Kathy A. Buller
Inspector General
Peace Corps