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Joaquin E. Ferrao
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Dear Mr. Ferrao:

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 External Peer Reviews of Inspection and Evaluation Organizations of Federal Offices of Inspector General (December 2020 and December 2021)*. The peer review was conducted from May 16, 2023 through July 28, 2023.

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) OIG assessed the extent to which the Peace Corps OIG complied with the CIGIE *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation, December 2020 (Blue Book)*. This assessment included a review of the Peace Corps OIG's internal policies and procedures included in Evaluation Unit Handbook Version 15 (November 2020) and Evaluation Unit Handbook Version 16 (October 7, 2022) implementing the Blue Book standards. It also included a review of selected inspection and evaluation reports issued between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2023 to determine whether the reports complied with the Blue Book standards and the Peace Corps OIG's internal policies and procedures.

Overall Conclusion

The CPB OIG determined that the Peace Corps OIG's policies and procedures generally were consistent with the Blue Book standards addressed in the external peer review. Both reports reviewed generally complied with the Blue Book standards.

The Peace Corps OIG management officials provided a response to our Peer Review Report (Enclosure 2).

Sincerely,

Kimberly A. Howell
Inspector General

Enclosures (2)

Scope and Methodology

The CPB OIG selected the following reports for review.

- Final Follow Up review of Peace Corps Moldova – IG-21-01-E - July 2021
- Final Report on the Post Re- Entry Health and Safety Review of Peace Corps Columbia – IG-23-01-E - December 2022

We judgmentally selected these reports from the five reports completed during the review period. Each report was completed under the appropriate Peace Corps Evaluation Unit Handbook (Versions 15 and 16) in effect at the time the review was conducted.

We conducted this review in accordance with the appropriate CIGIE *Guide for Conducting External Peer Reviews of Inspection and Evaluation Organizations of Federal Offices of Inspector General (dated December 2020 and December 2021)*. Our review included reviews of the Peace Corps Evaluation Unit Handbook (Version 15 and 16), TeamMate working papers, final reports, training records, and interviews of the staff members assigned to the two projects reviewed.

Peace Corps Response to External Peer Review Report



August 30, 2023

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, which we received on August 29, 2023. The draft external peer review report determined that the Peace Corps OIG's policies and procedures generally were consistent with the Blue Book standards addressed in the external peer review, and that the reports reviewed generally complied with the Blue Book standards and the Peace Corps OIG's internal policies and procedures. We have no comments to this report.

We greatly appreciate that the peer review team conducted this external peer review in a thorough and professional manner and, additionally, provided informal observations, suggestions, and best practices.

Sincerely,

Joaquin Ferrao
Inspector General
Peace Corps