



OIG HIGHLIGHTS

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What OIG Inspected

OIG inspected the Bureau of African Affairs from April 12 to May 12, 2017.

What OIG Recommended

OIG made 10 recommendations to improve the Bureau of African Affairs' management of foreign assistance programs, including recommendations to consolidate duplicative administrative functions, standardize foreign assistance business processes, and improve risk management.

In its comments on the draft report, the Bureau of African Affairs concurred with all 10 recommendations. OIG considers the recommendations resolved. The bureau's response to each recommendation, and OIG's reply, can be found in the Recommendations Section of this report. The bureau's formal written responses are reprinted in their entirety in Appendix B.

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Bureau of African Affairs

Inspection of the Bureau of African Affairs' Foreign Assistance Program Management

What OIG Found

- The Bureau of African Affairs led or participated in at least 25 distinct political, security, and economic initiatives on the continent, which created a complex planning and program management environment.
- The bureau had not conducted a strategic review of its foreign assistance programs to reduce administrative fragmentation and duplication among offices and ensure that programs were clearly aligned with current policy priorities.
- The bureau returned \$4.96 million in canceled foreign assistance funds to the U.S. Department of the Treasury in FY 2016 despite having statutory authority to extend the period of availability for most foreign assistance appropriations.
- The bureau had not established policy and procedures for identifying, assessing, and mitigating terrorist financing risks for its programs in countries where terrorist organizations, such as Al-Shabaab and Boko Haram, operate.
- The bureau continued payments to Somali National Army units during two periods of several months each—one in 2014 and another spanning 2016 and 2017—despite a lapse in Leahy human rights vetting approvals.
- Ten of 12 award files reviewed in this inspection did not include all required grants officer representative evaluation reports.

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