



OIG HIGHLIGHTS

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Inspection of Embassy Djibouti, Djibouti

What OIG Found

- Under the Charge' d'Affaires' leadership, Embassy Djibouti effectively supported its top Integrated Country Strategy goal by advancing the long-term viability and maximum operational flexibility of the U.S. military presence in the Republic of Djibouti.
- Chronic staffing vacancies hampered mission performance.
- OIG identified multiple internal control deficiencies in Management, Consular, Public Diplomacy, Political-Economic, and Information Management operations.
- The Department of State had not added a section chief position to the Political-Economic Section to ensure the section's effectiveness in support of the Integrated Country Strategy.
- Embassy Djibouti did not have an Assistant Regional Security Officer-Investigator position in the Consular Section, leaving it vulnerable to a security risk for consular fraud.
- Despite Djibouti being at high risk for earthquakes, the embassy had not addressed findings from the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations' 2014 Seismic Report, and it had not performed seismic safety assessments of any subsequently leased residential properties.
- Spotlight on Success: Collaborative coordination mechanisms established between Embassy Djibouti and the U.S. military stationed at nearby Camp Lemonnier effectively advanced U.S. interests in the Horn of Africa.

What OIG Inspected

OIG inspected Embassy Djibouti's executive direction, program and policy implementation, resource management, and management controls.

What OIG Recommended

This report includes 25 recommendations. OIG made 22 recommendations to Embassy Djibouti to improve Management, Consular, Public Diplomacy, Political-Economic and Information Management operations. OIG also made 1 recommendation to the Bureau of African Affairs regarding staffing; 1 to the Bureau of Consular Affairs on position reclassification; and 1 to the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations regarding seismic safety.

In its comments on the draft report, the Department concurred with all 25 recommendations. OIG considers the recommendations resolved. The Department's response to each recommendation, and OIG's reply, can be found in the Recommendations section of this report. The Department's formal written responses are reprinted in their entirety in Appendix B.