



HIGHLIGHTS

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What OIG Inspected

OIG inspected the executive direction, policy and program implementation, resource management, and information management operations of Embassy Nouakchott.

What OIG Recommends

OIG made 26 recommendations: 25 to Embassy Nouakchott and 1 to the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

In its comments on the draft report, the Department concurred with all 26 recommendations. OIG considers all 26 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.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTIONS

BUREAU OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS

Inspection of Embassy Nouakchott, Mauritania

What OIG Found

- The Ambassador and the Deputy Chief of Mission led Embassy Nouakchott professionally and collaboratively, incorporating policy and engagement ideas from American and locally employed staff.
- U.S. direct-hire and locally employed staff vacancies adversely affected information management operations.
- Internal controls for some general services, facility management, and financial management functions did not comply with Department of State standards and procedures.
- Spotlight on Success: Under the Deputy Chief of Mission's supervision, the Program and Advisory Council and the Program and Grants Office maximized the effect of foreign assistance resources, minimized redundancies, and ensured consistency with Integrated Country Strategy priorities.
- Spotlight on Success: A Regional Security Office initiative empowered female guard force members and promoted respect for diversity in the local guard force.