



HIGHLIGHTS

Office of Inspector General
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What OIG Inspected

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

What OIG Recommends

OIG made 10 recommendations to Embassy Ouagadougou.

In its comments on the draft report, Embassy Ouagadougou concurred with all 10 recommendations. OIG considers all 10 recommendations resolved. The embassy's response to each recommendation, and OIG's reply, can be found in the Recommendations section of this report. The embassy's formal written response is reprinted in its entirety in Appendix B.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTIONS

BUREAU OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS

Inspection of Embassy Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

What OIG Found

- The Ambassador and the Deputy Chief of Mission established clearly defined goals and priorities for Embassy Ouagadougou. They effectively employed a wide variety of mechanisms to communicate and coordinate their activities with the Government of Burkina Faso.
- In meeting advocacy and reporting responsibilities, the embassy reported on the growing extremist threat in northern Burkina Faso as well as on allegations of increased human rights violations. The embassy also continued to press the Burkina Faso Government to address human rights violations even as government forces faced serious terrorist activity.
- A 13-month staffing gap in the General Services Officer position was a root cause of several internal control deficiencies identified in the Management Section.
- Information management operations and services generally complied with Department of State policies and guidance but lacked inventory control procedures for network user accounts and information technology equipment.