



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

U.S. Agency for International Development

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 19, 2022

TO: USAID/Bosnia and Herzegovina Mission Director, Courtney Chubb

FROM: USAID/OIG Middle East and Eastern Europe (ME/EE) Regional Office,
Supervisory Auditor, John Vernon /s/

SUBJECT: Audit of the Schedule of Expenditures of Center for Media Development and Analysis Under Multiple Awards in Bosnia and Herzegovina, January 1 to December 31, 2021 (8-168-22-025-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on Center for Media Development and Analysis (CRMA) incurred costs under the following awards:

Award Name (Type)	Award Number	Period	Sub-implementer
Investigative Journalism Program (grant)	72016819GR00002	January 1 to December 31, 2021	n/a
Assistance to citizens in fight against corruption project (subgrant)	ACFC 02/19	January 1 to December 31, 2021	Center for Media Development and Analysis
Investigating stories on topics of political interference by the energy companies project (closeout) (subgrant)	SG-S-R31759-21 m00	January 1 to March 31, 2021	Center for Media Development and Analysis
Production of stories on public procurement project (closeout) (subgrant)	SG-S-R31759-114 m00	January 1 to March 1, 2021	Center for Media Development and Analysis
Procurement Longer-Term Equipment (closeout) (subgrant)	SG-S-R31759-139 m00	January 08 to March 15, 2021	Center for Media Development and Analysis

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Phase II of Securing Better Digital Security and Safety Work Environment for CRMA (closeout) (subgrant)	SG-S-R31759-141 m00	January 11 to March 15, 2021	Center for Media Development and Analysis
Increase Digital Security of CRMA (subgrant)	SG-S-R31759-150 m00	April 23 to December 31, 2021	Center for Media Development and Analysis
Strengthen CRMA's Technical Possibilities (subgrant)	SG-S-R31759-161 m00	December 16 to December 31, 2021	Center for Media Development and Analysis
Raising public awareness regarding foreign malign influence and countering disinformation ¹	2021-11709	May 1 to December 31, 2021	Center for Media Development and Analysis
Strategic Reporting on Corruption in Public Procurement ² (grant)	S-BK800-21-GR-3088	August 03 to December 31, 2021	n/a

The auditee contracted with the independent audit firm RSM BH d.o.o. Sarajevo to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it performed its audit in accordance with U.S. government auditing standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. However, it did not have an external quality control review program and a continuing education program that fully satisfies the standards' requirements. The audit firm explained that professional organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina do not offer such a review program. With respect to the continuing education program, the audit firm said that they could not fully comply with the U.S. government auditing related hours. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on the auditee's schedule of expenditures; the effectiveness of its internal controls; or its compliance with the awards, laws, and regulations.³

The audit objectives were mainly to: (1) express an opinion on whether the schedule of expenditures for the period audited was presented fairly, in all material respects; (2) evaluate the auditee's internal controls; and (3) determine whether the auditee complied with the

¹ Grant not funded by USAID.

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³ We reviewed the audit firm's report for conformity with professional reporting standards. Our desk reviews are typically performed to identify any items needing clarification or issues requiring management attention. Desk reviews are limited to review of the audit report itself and excludes review of the auditor's supporting working papers; they are not designed to enable us to directly evaluate the quality of the audit performed.

awards terms and applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm performed the subject financial audit that covered \$897,911 from January 1 to December 31, 2021.

The audit firm expressed an unmodified opinion on the schedule of expenditures and did not identify any questioned cost. The audit firm did not identify any material weaknesses in the internal control or any material instances of noncompliance with the awards terms and applicable laws and regulations.

The report does not include any recommendations for your action.

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