

Oversight of Ukraine Complex Emergency

Updated on 12/13/2022 (Material included: February 2022 – December 13, 2022)

USAID Humanitarian Assistance (HA) Funding *

\$25,000,000

*FY23 committed or obligated as of November 8, 2022

Complaints/Disclosures by Country (since Feb 2022)		
Ukraine	20	
Moldova	ı	

Complaints/Disclosures by Allegation (since Feb 2022)			
False Claim	5		
Conflict of Interest/Ethics	4		
Theft/Diversion 4			
Program disruption due to military conflict	2		
False Claim/False Statement	2		
Loss/Destruction of commodities	I		
Collusive Bidding	ı		
Procurement Fraud	I		
Sexual Exploitation & Abuse	I		
Product Substitution	I		
Program Fraud	I		

Outreach/Liaison Meetings	Date(s)
USAID OIG met with USAID/Moldova staff, Embassy staff and local USAID implementers. Additionally, they coordinated with Moldova's Chief Anti-Corruption Prosecutor and are planning further coordination.	12/5-7/2022
USAID OIG met with representatives of USAID/Ukraine implementer Project Hope including Chief of Party and General Counsel. Project Hope is implementing multiple USAID projects with USAID/BHA funding and operating in multiple cities in Ukraine including, most recently, Kherson.	12/6/2022
USAID OIG met with USAID/BHA Risk Management Advisor (RIMA) to discuss OIG reporting. The RIMA serves as the BHA clearinghouse for any risk management related information associated with the Ukraine response including potential OIG related allegations.	12/6/2022
USAID OIG attended the Ukraine Coordination Meeting with working level counterparts from State OIG, DCIS, DOJ, and the U.S. Embassy Kiev Legal Attaché office. USAID OIG shared the latest fraud advisory with the group.	12/8/2022

TDYs		
Traveler(s)	Dates	Locations
SAC & Senior Regional Agent	Dec 5 - 7	Moldova

Fraud Awareness Briefings			
Location	Participants	Date	
Moldova	13: USAID Staff	12/6/22	
Moldova	22: USAID Implementers	12/6/22	
Moldova	18: USAID Implementers	12/7/22	
Moldova	15: USAID Implementers	12/7/22	
Moldova	29: USAID Implementers	12/8/22	



USAID OIG Complaint/Disclosure Summaries

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Case No.	Allegation	Status	Case Summaries	
	Ukraine			
HQ-HQ-22-1130- G Program	Closed	In April 2022, OIG received information that a sub-grantee of an implementer suspended their operation due to the escalation of hostilities in Mariupol, Ukraine.		
LA-H0-22-1294-G	disruption due to military conflict	Closed	In April 2022, OIG received information from an implementer that was unable to spend funding due to the ongoing conflict in Mariupol, Ukraine.	
HQ-HQ-22-1164-R	Theft/Diversion	Closed	In April 2022, OIG received information from a Public International Organization (PIO) that supplies were stolen in Lviv, Ukraine. OIG referred the case to USAID/Bureau for Policy, Planning, and Learning.	
LA-H0-22-1432-G	False Claim Clos	Closed	In June 2022, OIG received information from an implementer that a manager in Ukraine asked an employee to participate in an incentive-based payment scheme on construction work that was already completed. The employee declined to participate in the scheme and notified the implementer's Ukraine Country Director of the potential fraud.	
LA-H0-22-1433-G		Closed	In June 2022, OIG received information from an implementer reporting false incentive payments. The report alleged that an International Non-Governmental Organization inquired about payments for the procurement of medical supplies as part of a possible fraud scheme.	
LA-H0-22-1593-G		Closed	In July 2022, OIG received information from an implementer which alleged that an employee managing an activity was also working as an independent consultant for another non-profit organization operating in Ukraine. The subject was placed on administrative leave pending the results of the implementer's investigation into dual employment.	
LA-FR-22-1850-G	Conflict of Interest/Ethics	Closed	In August 2022, OIG received information from an implementer which alleged that a staff member did not disclose a conflict of interest in the Ukraine Confidence Building Initiative III (UCBI III) Program. The subject submitted a referral for her husband for a position with UCBI III without disclosing their relationship and sat on his interview panel. The implementer also discovered that the subject shared interview questions with another candidate for a different UCBI III position.	
LA-H0-22-1977-G	Loss/Destruction of commodities	Closed	In September 2022, OIG received information that 33 hygiene kits were destroyed when Russian military forces shelled a distribution point in Mala Tokmachka Village, Ukraine.	
LA-H0-23-0014-G	Collusive Bidding	Closed	In October 2022, OIG received information from an implementer reporting vendor collusion in connection with the USAID-funded program Ukraine Democratic Governance East Activity. During the bid selection phase, the implementer realized that three companies were created by the same individual and presented similar bid proposals. The implementer refused the submissions and there was no loss to the government.	
LA-H0-23-0221-G	Program fraud	Closed	In November 2022, USAID/Ukraine reported that an implementer was approached by two Ukrainian prosecutors who requested documents and records in accordance with Ukrainian law. The implementer cooperated with the request and stated that they were not the subject of the investigation.	
Moldova				
AF-FR-22-1088-G	Conflict of Interest/Ethics	Closed	In April 2022, OIG received information alleging that an employee of a USAID implementing partner gave an unfair competitive advantage to thirteen local firms. There were no allegations of bribery or kickbacks; therefore, OIG did not pursue the case.	

^{*}USAID OIG does not publicly release information in connection with an open investigation.