



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 16, 2023

TO: USAID/Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mission Director, Emily Kronic

FROM: Middle East and Eastern Europe Regional Office, Audit Director, Louis Duncan, Jr. /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, 2022 (8-168-24-003-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on the 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, 2022	n/a
Assistance to Citizens in Fight against Corruption (subgrant)	ACFC 02/19	January 1 to December 31, 2022	Center for Media Development and Analysis
Increase digital security of CRMA (closeout) (subgrant)	SG-S-R31759-150 m00	January 1, 2022, to January 31, 2022	Center for Media Development and Analysis
Strengthen CRMA's technical possibilities (closeout) (subgrant)	SG-S-R31759-161 m00	January 1 to March 1, 2022	Center for Media Development and Analysis
Raising public awareness regarding foreign malign influence and countering disinformation (closeout) (subgrant) ¹	2021-11709	January 1, 2022, to April 30, 2022	Center for Media Development and Analysis

¹ Award not funded by USAID.

Award Name (Type)	Award Number	Period	Sub-implementer
Strategic reporting on corruption in Public procurement ² (closeout) (grant)	S-BK800-21-GR-3088	January 1, 2022, to July 30, 2022	n/a
Support production of multimedia outputs (subgrant)	SG-SR-BA21UFP-133-01 m00	July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022	Center for Media Development and Analysis
Support use of Smartocto analytics (subgrant)	SG-SR-BA21UFP-133-10 m00	September 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022	Center for Media Development and Analysis
Raising public awareness regarding foreign malign influence and countering disinformation ³ (subgrant)	2022-2023	May 1 to December 31, 2022	Center for Media Development and Analysis

The auditee contracted with the independent audit firm BDO BH d.o.o. to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated it performed its audit in accordance with U.S. government auditing standards. However, it did not have external quality control review or continuing education programs that fully satisfies the standards' requirements. The audit firm explained that professional organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina do not offer external quality control review programs. With respect to the continuing professional 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.⁴

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 awards terms and applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm

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⁴ 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.

performed the subject financial audit that covered \$954,244 of USAID expenditures from January 1 to December 31, 2022.

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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⁵ The James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 Pub. L. No. 117-263, § 5274. Please direct related inquiries to oignotice_ndaa5274@usaid.gov.