



# OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

## U.S. Agency for International Development

### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 2, 2022

**TO:** USAID/Georgia Mission Director, Peter Wiebler

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

**SUBJECT:** Audit of the Fund Accountability Statement of the United Nations Association of Georgia Under Multiple Awards in Georgia, January 1 to December 31, 2020 (8-114-22-018-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report of the fund accountability statement of the United Nations Association of Georgia under the following awards:

Award Name (Type)	Award Number	Period	Sub-implementer
Promoting Integration, Tolerance and Awareness (PITA) (USAID cooperative agreement)	AID-114-A-15-00005	Jan. 1- Dec. 31, 2020	n/a
Strengthening Freedom of Speech and Strengthening the Editorial Independence of the Media (close out) (State Department grant)	2018-1202 CIVIL.GE	Jan. 1- Mar. 31, 2020	United Nations Association of Georgia
Strengthen Freedom of Speech and Editorial Independence of Media (State Department grant)	2020-0550 - Civil.GE	Apr. 1- Dec. 31, 2020	United Nations Association of Georgia
Advancing CSO Capacities and Engaging Society for Sustainability (USAID grant)	G-1684-20-210-3023-20 Republic-100 GOTV	Apr. 15 - Dec. 31, 2020	United Nations Association of Georgia

United Nations Association of Georgia contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm Crowe GE LLC 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 and with the USAID Financial Audit Guide for Foreign Organizations. However, it did not participate in an external quality control review program and did not have a continuing education program that fully satisfies the standards' requirements. The audit firm said that Georgia does not offer such a review program. With respect to the continuing education program, the audit firm said that they could not satisfy the standards' requirements because they could not fully obtain 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 auditee's fund accountability statement; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the awards, laws, and regulations.<sup>1</sup>

The audit objectives were mainly to: (1) express an opinion on whether the fund accountability statement for the period audited was presented fairly in all material respects; (2) evaluate the auditee's internal controls; and (3) determine whether auditee complied with the awards terms and applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm performed the subject financial audit the covered \$946,134 for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2020.

The audit firm concluded that the fund accountability statement presented fairly, in all material respects, program revenues and costs incurred under the awards for the period audited and did not identify any questioned costs. The audit firm did not identify any material weaknesses in internal control or any material instances of noncompliance. Further, the audit firm issued a management letter. The report included personally identifiable information (PII) on page 4.

During our desk review, we noted issues which the audit firm may need to address in future audit reports. We presented these issues in a memo to the USAID/Georgia Controller dated February 2, 2022.

The report does not include any recommendations for your action.

OIG does not routinely distribute independent public accounting reports beyond the immediate addressees because a high percentage of these reports contain information restricted from release under the Trade Secrets Act, 18 U.S.C. 1905 and Freedom of Information Act Exemption Four, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) ("commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential").

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<sup>1</sup> 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.