



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL U.S. Agency for International Development

June 17, 2022

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

I write in response to your May 26, 2022, letter urging the U.S. Agency for International Development Office of Inspector General (USAID OIG) to prioritize oversight of relief funds that USAID will use to support Ukraine and its people. We appreciate your support for additional funding to our office through the Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022, which will enhance our oversight over USAID's Ukraine response. As Acting Deputy Inspector General, I want to assure you that our workforce is fully engaged in ensuring comprehensive, independent oversight of USAID's support of Ukraine and its people in response to the Russian invasion.

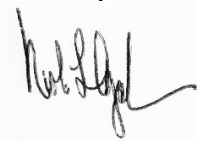
To this end, we have undertaken a collaborative approach with our oversight counterparts, both in the United States and with bilateral and multilateral donors. We partnered with the OIGs of the Departments of State and Defense to form a joint working group on Ukraine oversight. This working group will allow for interagency communication and visibility of each OIG's ongoing work, allow for necessary deconfliction, and identify opportunities for oversight coordination between project teams. We will utilize our formal information-sharing relationships with UN oversight entities, including the World Food Programme's Office of Inspector General and the World Health Organization's Office of Internal Oversight Services, to coordinate on oversight efforts and rapidly respond to allegations of misconduct within USAID's significant programs implemented through UN organizations.

Operationally, USAID OIG staff posted at our regional hub in Frankfurt are prioritizing oversight of USAID's Ukraine response, holding recurring meetings with USAID's Regional Mission for Ukraine and Belarus staff, as well as USAID's Disaster Assistance Response Team. Our Office of Audit is finalizing its plans for identifying and initiating audit and evaluations work which will provide short-term and long-term assessments and recommendations related to USAID's Ukraine response. Our Office of Investigations is coordinating with other OIGs, Department of Defense investigative bodies, and the Department of Justice, including the Procurement Collusion Strike Force's Global team, to identify and respond to fraud schemes and allegations of misconduct compromising the Ukraine response. We plan to send criminal investigators to Poland, Ukraine, and other locations, as safety dictates, to further necessary relationships on the ground. These agents will engage in fraud awareness outreach activities to Ukraine response implementers including nongovernmental and UN organizations that are

receiving funds, to encourage the timely and transparent reporting of fraud, sexual exploitation and abuse, and other misconduct, ensure that whistleblowers are fully aware of anti-retaliation protections, should they choose to come forward, and respond quickly to any allegations of wrongdoing or corruption in the Ukraine response.

We share your view that taxpayers deserve to know that tax dollars spent to provide humanitarian relief to Ukraine are not compromised by fraud, waste, and abuse. To this end, we look forward to providing updates on our oversight work to agency leaders, Congress, and the public. If you or members of your staff would like to speak to me about my office's activities in the meantime, please contact our Congressional and Public Affairs Division at (202) 712-1150. Thank you for your interest in how USAID OIG is meeting oversight requirements in Ukraine and the surrounding region, and for your ongoing support of the inspector general community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Angarella", written over a light gray rectangular background.

Nicole Angarella
Acting Deputy Inspector
General, performing the
duties of the Inspector
General