

Non-Federal Audit Snapshot

USAID OIG ME/EE Regional Office

USAID's **non-Federal audit (NFA)** program helps ensure that contracts, cooperative agreements, and other foreign assistance awards meet Federal requirements. NFAs—financial audits typically performed by independent public accounting firms—help safeguard taxpayer dollars. USAID OIG reviews the NFA reports for compliance with government auditing reporting standards and transmits the reports and recommendations to USAID. Learn more in the <u>NFA Primer</u>.

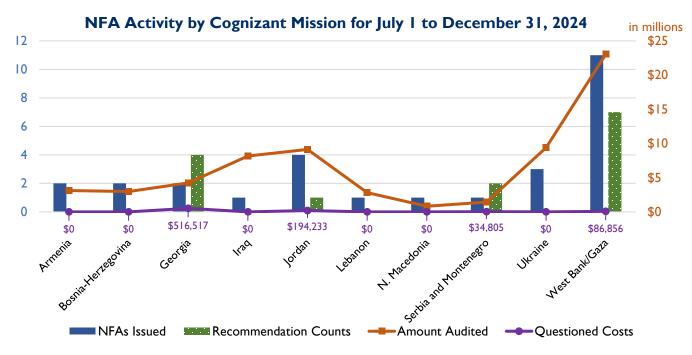
This **NFA Snapshot** highlights program data, audit findings, and recommendations in NFA reports transmitted by USAID OIG's Middle East and Eastern Europe (ME/EE) Regional Office from July 1 to December 31, 2024.

By the Numbers: NFA Reports, Findings, and Recommendations

	NFAs Issued	28	Questioned Costs	\$832,411
\$	Amount Audited	\$65,081,393	Recommendations Issued	14
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• Sixty-seven percent of audited expenditures were allocated to USAID programs in nonpermissive environments, specifically West Bank and Gaza, Ukraine, Lebanon, and Iraq. The remaining 33 percent covered Jordan in the Middle East region and 5 countries in the Eastern Europe region.

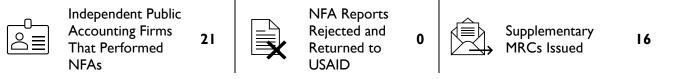
More than 63 percent of NFAs pertained to democracy and governance programs with the remaining NFAs covering other programs, such as community strengthening, capacity building, and achieving peace and security.



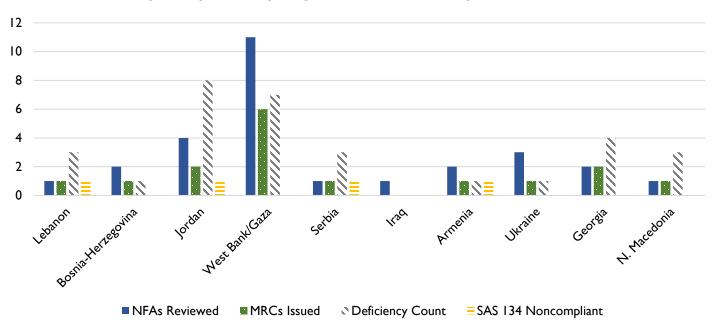
Source: OIG-generated chart.

For informational purposes only based on USAID OIG's ME/EE Regional Office desk reviews of NFA reports and related data. Please visit <u>https://oig.usaid.gov</u> for more information on USAID OIG and published NFA transmittal memos. USAID OIG reviews NFA reports for key attributes including adherence to professional standards, completeness, and compliance with required formats. OIG returns noncompliant reports to USAID. Supplementary Memos of Review Comment (MRCs) describe nonmaterial errors for the auditors to correct in future NFA reports.

By the Numbers: OIG Desk Reviews



The Accounting Standards Board's update to Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) 134, "Auditor Reporting and Amendments," changed NFA reporting requirements for audit periods ending on or after December 15, 2021. Four of the 28 NFA reports issued during the period July 1 to December 31, 2024, were not compliant with SAS 134 reporting requirements. OIG brought this matter to USAID's attention through its MRCs.



NFA Quality Comparison by Cognizant Mission for July 1 to December 31, 2024

Source: OIG-generated chart

In November 2024, ME/EE Regional Office staff provided an OIG overview presentation to more than 30 USAID/Egypt personnel and an NFA presentation to more than 100 mission and implementer personnel in Cairo, Egypt. ME/EE Regional Office staff provided similar presentations to approximately 40 USAID/Armenia personnel and 50 implementer personnel in Yerevan, Armenia, and approximately 65 implementer personnel in Pristina, Kosovo.

USAID OIG's ME/EE Regional Office provides independent audit oversight of USAID programs across 21 countries and regional missions in the Middle East and Eastern Europe regions from its offices in Frankfurt, Germany, and Cairo, Egypt.

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