

## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** December 8, 2025

**TO:** USAID, Performing the Duties of Administrator and Chief Operating Officer,

Eric Ueland

USAID, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Douglas A. Pitkin

FROM: Middle East and Eastern Europe Regional Office, Audit Assistant Director, Esther

Park /s/

**SUBJECT:** Audit of the Schedule of Expenditures of Centers for Civic Initiatives Tuzla,

Under Multiple Awards in Bosnia and Herzegovina, January 1 to December 31,

2024 (8-168-26-004-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report of the schedule of expenditures of Centers for Civic Initiatives Tuzla under the following awards in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH):

Award Name (Type)	Award Number	Period	Subimplementer
Assistance to Citizens in	72016819CA00001	January I to	n/a
Fight Against		September 15,	
Corruption (closeout		2024	
cooperative agreement)			
Citizen and Media	72016824CA00001	October I to	n/a
Against Corruption		December 31,	
Activity (cooperative		2024	
agreement)			
USAID's Support to	4031000-UCCI-	March 18 to	Centers for Civic
Electoral Integrity in	03042024	December 31,	Initiatives Tuzla
BiH (subgrant)		2024	

Centers for Civic Initiatives Tuzla contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm KPMG BiH to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated it performed the audit in accordance with U.S. Government Auditing Standards and the USAID Financial Audit Guide for Foreign Organizations. However, it did not have an external quality control review program or

a continuing education program that fully satisfies the standards' requirements. The audit firm explained that professional organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina do not offer such a quality control review program. With respect to the continuing professional education program, the audit firm said it is taking appropriate steps to implement a program that fully satisfies the requirement. 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 of USAID awards; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the award, laws, and regulations. <sup>1</sup>

The audit objectives were to: (I) express an opinion on whether the schedule of expenditures for the period audited was presented fairly in all material respects, program revenues and costs incurred; (2) evaluate the auditee's internal controls; and (3) determine whether the auditee complied with the awards terms and applicable laws and regulations. To address the audit objectives, the audit firm conducted the subject financial audit, covering total expenditures of \$1,606,181 for the period from January I to December 31, 2024.<sup>2</sup>

The audit firm concluded that the schedule of expenditures presented fairly, in all material respects, program revenues and costs incurred for the period audited. The audit firm did not identify any material weaknesses in 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.

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"). In addition, USAID OIG has determined that this transmittal memo and the enclosed report are not subject to notification and reporting requirements under Section 5274 of the National Defense Authorization Act.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Out of the total audited amount of \$1,606,181 disclosed in this audit report, \$137,490 [representing a subawardee's expenditures] was separately audited. The audit report was issued by the Office of Inspector General on December 8, 2025 (report number 8-168-26-003-R). Accordingly, we consider the net amount covered by this audit report is \$1,468,691.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 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.