



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

### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 17, 2026

**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 Director, Louis Duncan,  
Jr. /s/

**SUBJECT:** Closeout Audit of the Schedule of Expenditures of Ukrainian Helsinki Human  
Rights Union, Under Multiple Awards in Ukraine, January 1 to December 31,  
2024 (8-121-26-008-R)

This memorandum transmits the final closeout audit report of the schedule of expenditures of Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union (UHHRU) under the following awards:

Award Name (Type)	Award Number	Period	Subimplementer
Responding to Human Rights Violations and Empowering Citizens and Human Rights Defenders in Ukraine Activity (cooperative agreement)	AID-121-A-14-00004	January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024	n/a
Free Voices: Supporting Journalists and Promoting Independent Media (State Department grant)	SLMAQMI8GR2209	January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024	n/a

<b>Award Name (Type)</b>	<b>Award Number</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Subimplementer</b>
Stronger Together: Development of the Network and Raising Capacity of Ukrainian CSOs (State Department grant)	SLMAQMI9GR2312	January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024	n/a

UHHRU contracted with the independent audit firm RSM Ukraine to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated it performed the audit in accordance with U.S. Government Auditing Standards. However, it did not have external quality control review or continuing professional education programs that fully satisfy the standards' requirements. 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 awards, laws, and regulations.<sup>1</sup>

The audit objectives were 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 award terms and applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm performed the subject financial audit that covered total expenditures of \$2,207,360, of which \$1,894,160 was expended under the USAID award for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2024.

The audit firm concluded that the schedule of expenditures presented fairly, in all material respects, the costs incurred and reimbursed for the period audited. The audit firm did not identify any questioned costs, any material weaknesses in internal control, or any material instances of noncompliance. The audit firm issued a management letter.

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

<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.

transmittal memo and the enclosed report are not subject to notification and reporting requirements under Section 5274 of the National Defense Authorization Act.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</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](mailto:oignotice_ndaa5274@usaid.gov).