



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

U.S. Agency for International Development

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 4, 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: Audit of Internews Ukraine Under Multiple Awards, January 1 to December 31, 2024 (8-121-26-012-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report of Internews Ukraine's incurred costs under the following awards:

| Award Name (Type) | Award Number | Period | Subimplementer |
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| RADA Next Generation (RANG) Activity (cooperative agreement) | 72012121CA00002 | January 1 to December 31, 2024 | n/a |
| The Media Program in Ukraine (subgrant) | SGR-IN-UA1854-FD-163 | January 1 to December 31, 2024 | Internews Ukraine |
| The Media Program in Ukraine (closeout of subgrant) | SG-R-UA1854-12 | January 1 to December 31, 2024 | Internews Ukraine |
| Privatization for All: Communication Campaign to Amplify SOE Reform and Privatization Success in Ukraine (subgrant) | SOERA-G-2312-03053 | May 3 to December 31, 2024 | Internews Ukraine |
| Establishing Communications | R-2401-03359 | May 22 to December 31, | Internews Ukraine |

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| Standards in HCFS (closeout of subgrant) | | 2024 | |
| Strategic Communication Campaign on Law #2923-IX (fixed amount subaward) | G-HOVERLA-035 | January 1 to December 31, 2024 | Internews Ukraine |
| Communications Strategies for CTCs (fixed amount subaward) | G-HOVERLA-049 | March 22 to December 31, 2024 | Internews Ukraine |
| Support of Professional Journalism During the War (fixed amount subaward) | CE-I31-G-047-2024 | March 26 to December 31, 2024 | Internews Ukraine |
| Investigating the Causal Relationship (closeout of subaward) | 014USTTs04-05093/01 | January 1 to July 22, 2024 | Internews Ukraine |
| Counter-disinformation program in support of GEC's eSports initiative (State Department cooperative agreement) | SUP30024CA0189 | September 30, to December 31, 2024 | |
| Establishing Ukrainian eSports Counter Disinformation Teams (State Department cooperative agreement) | SGECPD24CA0018 | September 28, to December 31, 2024 | |
| Expanding Production of Independent Content (State Department subaward) | SGR-IN-XZ22UFD-214-101 | January 1, to December 31, 2024 | Internews Ukraine |
| Telegram Coordination Network (State Department cooperative agreement) | SGECPD23CA0015 | January 1 to December 31, 2024 | |
| To facilitate Ukraine's sustainable and effective post-war reconstruction (closeout of State Department award) | SUP30023GR0016 | January 1 to March 1, 2024 | |

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| Russian atrocities and infocrimes: human-oriented dimension (closeout of subaward under State Department cooperative agreement) | 23-20295U-UKR.0-2583 | January 1 to January 31, 2024 | Internews Ukraine |
| Ukraine Rapid Response Fund (closeout of subaward under State Department) | FY24-URRF-InternewsUA | May 28 to December 20, 2024 | Internews Ukraine |
| Counteracting Russian propaganda in social media: regional dimension (closeout of subaward under State Department) | 24-22215A-UKR.0-2752 | January 9 to August 31, 2024 | Internews Ukraine |

Internews Ukraine contracted with the independent audit firm Emergex Outsourcing LLC to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated it performed its audit in accordance with U.S. Government Auditing Standards. However, it did not have a continuing education program or an external quality control review program that fully satisfied the standards' requirements. The audit firm explained that professional organizations in Ukraine do not offer such a quality control review program. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on the audit firm's schedule of expenditures of awards; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the awards, laws, and regulations.¹

The audit objectives were to (1) express an opinion on whether the schedule of expenditures of U.S. Government (USG) awards for the programs is prepared fairly in all material respects in relation to the organization's financial statements as a whole and in revenues received, costs incurred and assets, commodities, and technical assistance directly procured with USG funding for the period audited, (2) evaluate the auditee's internal controls over financial reporting, 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

¹ 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.

that covered total expenditures of \$8,099,231, of which \$7,457,500 was expended under the USAID award for the audited period.

The audit firm concluded that the schedule of expenditures of USG awards presents fairly, in all material respects, the program revenues and costs incurred under the awards for the year ended December 31, 2024. Additionally, the audit firm did not identify any material weaknesses in internal control or any material instances of noncompliance.

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.²

² 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.