



MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 16, 2018

TO: USAID/Ukraine Mission Director, Susan K. Fritz

FROM: Regional Inspector General/Frankfurt, James C. Charlifue /s/

SUBJECT: Fund Accountability Statement Audit of Civil Society Union, Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union, Under Multiple Awards in Ukraine, January 01 to December 31, 2015 (8-121-18-045-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on the fund accountability statement audit of Civil Society Union, Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union 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, 2015-December 31, 2015	N/A
Monitoring and Advocacy of Effective Enforcement of International Institutions' Decisions in Ukraine		January 1, 2015-July 31, 2015	Civil Society Union, Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union

Civil Society Union, Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm RSM Ukraine to conduct the audit. The contract required the audit firm to perform the audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.

The audit firm stated that it performed its audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards except that it did not participate in an external quality control review program and did not have a continuing education program that fully satisfies the standards' requirements. The audit firm says that Ukraine does not offer such a review program. With respect to the continuing education program, the audit firm says that they could not satisfy the standards' requirements because they could not fully obtain the U.S. Government auditing related hours. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed auditor's report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on the auditee's fund accountability statement; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the award, laws, and regulations.¹

The audit objectives were mainly to: (1) express an opinion on whether the fund accountability statement for the year ended December 31, 2015, was presented fairly, in all material respects; (2) evaluate the auditee's internal controls; and (3) determine whether the auditee complied with the award terms and applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit objectives, the auditors performed the subject financial audit that covered \$418,489 in expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2015.

The audit firm expressed an unmodified opinion on the fund accountability statement and did not identify any question costs. The audit firm did not identify any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control. The audit firm did not identify any material instances of noncompliance with the award terms and applicable laws and regulations. Further, the audit firm issued a management letter.

The report does not contain any recommendations for your action.

We appreciate the assistance extended to the audit staff during the engagement.

The 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").

Enclosed: a/s

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.