



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 27, 2020

TO: USAID/Bosnia and Herzegovina Mission Director, Nancy Eslick

FROM: USAID OIG Middle East and Eastern Europe (ME/EE) Regional Office, USDH NFA Coordinator, John Vernon /s/

SUBJECT: Audit of the Fund Accountability Statement of Center for Media Development and Analysis CRMA, Under Multiple Awards in Bosnia and Herzegovina, January 1 to December 31, 2018 (8-168-20-045-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on Center for Media Development and Analysis CRMA incurred costs under the following awards:

Award Name (Type)	Award Number	Period
Anti-Corruption Civic Organizations' Unified Network Follow-on Activity (agreement)	AID-168-A-15-00001	July 15, 2015-September 30, 2019
Public Procurement in the Health Sector (grant)	S-BK800-17-GR-0081	July 1, 2017-January 1, 2019
Skilled Local Media in Public Interest (grant)	S-BK800-18-GR-0171	September 21, 2018-September 21, 2019
New Age Journalism (grant)	S-BK800-17-GR-0116	July 26, 2017-December 28, 2018

The auditee contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm RSM BH d.o.o. Sarajevo to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it performed its audit in accordance with U.S. government auditing standards issued by the comptroller general of the United States. However, it did not have an external quality control review program and continuing education program that fully satisfies the standards' requirements. The audit firm explained that Bosnia and Herzegovina does not offer such a review program. With respect to the continuing education program, the audit firm said that they could not satisfy the standards' requirements because they could not fully comply with 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 controls; 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 period audited 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 \$1,076,853 in expenditures from January 1 to December 31, 2018.

The audit firm expressed an unmodified opinion on fund accountability statement and identified ineligible questioned costs of \$666. The audit firm did not identify any material weaknesses in the internal control. The audit firm did not identify any material instances of noncompliance with the award terms and applicable laws and regulations. Since the questioned costs did not meet the OIG's established threshold of \$25,000 for making a recommendation, we are not making a recommendation. Nevertheless, we suggest that USAID/Bosnia and Herzegovina determine the allowability of the \$666 in questioned costs and recover any amount determined to be unallowable. Further, the audit firm issued a management letter.

During our desk review, we noted minor issues which the audit firm will need to address in future audit reports. We presented these issues in a memo to the controller, dated February 27, 2020.

The report does not include any recommendations for your action.

We appreciate the assistance extended during the engagement.

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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.