



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 18, 2020

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Closeout Audit of Fund Accountability Statement of Center for Educational Initiatives Step by Step, Education for Just Society Project in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cooperative Agreement AID-168-A-13-00003, for the Year Ended December 31, 2016 (8-168-20-050-R)

This memorandum transmits the final closeout audit of fund accountability statement of Center for Educational Initiatives Step by Step, Education for Just Society Project in Bosnia and Herzegovina, cooperative agreement AID-168-A-13-00003, for the year ended December 31, 2016. The auditee contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm Deloitte d.o.o. to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it performed its audit in accordance with the 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 because Bosnia and Herzegovina does not offer such a review program. With respect to a continuing education program, the audit firm states that they could not satisfy the standards' requirements. 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.<sup>1</sup>

The audit objectives were mainly to: (1) express an opinion on whether the fund accountability statement for the year ended December 31, 2016, 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

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<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.

auditors performed the subject financial audit that covered \$361,284 in expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2016.

The audit firm expressed an unmodified opinion on fund accountability statement and did not identify any questioned costs. The audit firm did not identify any material weakness in the internal control, or any material instances of noncompliance with the award terms and applicable laws and regulations.

During our desk review, we noted minor issue which the audit firm will need to address in future audit reports. We presented this issue in a memo to USAID controller, dated March 18, 2020.

The report does not include any recommendations for your action.

We appreciate the assistance extended during the engagement.

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