



MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 28, 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, Under Multiple Awards in Bosnia and Herzegovina, January 1 to December 31, 2019 (8-168-20-074-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on CRMA incurred costs under the following awards:

Award Name (Type)	Award Number	Period	Sub-implementer
Anti-Corruption Civic Organizations' Unified Network Follow-on Activity (closeout) (grant)	AID-168-A-15-00001	January 1 to September 30, 2019	N/A
Assistance to Citizens in Fight against Corruption (subgrant)	ACFC 02/19	September 16 to December 31, 2019	Center for Media Development and Analysis
Production of Multimedia Stories on Civic Actions (subgrant)	SG-S-R31759-77 m00	October 1 to December 31, 2019	Center for Media Development and Analysis
Improving the Production Quality Audio-Visual Content to Make it More Appealing to Viewers (closeout)	SG-S-R31759-02 m00	January 1 to September 30, 2019	Center for Media Development and Analysis

(subgrant)			
Investigative Journalism Program (grant)	72016819GR00002	September 30 to December 31, 2019	N/A
Encouraging Professional Media Reporting ¹ (grant)	2019-1169	October 1 to December 31, 2019	N/A
Skilled Local Media in Public Interest ¹ (closeout grant)	S-BK800-18-GR-0171	January 1 to September 21, 2019	N/A

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.²

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 \$854,922 in USAID expenditures from January 1 to December 31, 2019.

The audit firm expressed an unmodified opinion on the fund accountability statement and did not identify any questioned cost. 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. Further, the audit firm issued a management letter.

During our desk review, we noted a minor issue which the audit firm will need to address in future audit reports. We presented it in a memo to the mission controller, dated September 28, 2020.

¹ This grant was not funded by USAID.

² 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.

The report does not include any recommendations for your action.

We appreciate the assistance extended during the engagement.

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