



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 26, 2021

TO: USAID/Ukraine and Belarus Mission Director, James Hope

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

SUBJECT: Audit of the Fund Accountability Statement of Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union, Under Multiple Awards in Ukraine, January 1 to December 31, 2020 (8-121-22-002-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on the fund accountability statement of Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union under the following awards:

Award Name (Type)	Award Number	Period	Sub-implementer
Responding to Human Rights Violations and Empowering Citizens and Human Rights Defenders in Ukraine Activity (cooperative agreement)	AID-121-A-14-00004	January 1-December 31, 2020	N/A
Program on Education Among Ukrainian Journalists, Civil Society and Human Rights Organizations to Increase Support for the Dignity and Equality of LGBTIQ (sub-grant agreement not funded by USAID)	17-DOS122-02	January 1-December 31, 2020	Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union
Free Voices: Supporting Journalists and Promoting Independent Media (award not funded by USAID)	SLMAQM I 8GR2209	January 1-December 31, 2020	Human Rights House Foundation - Crimean Human Rights Group - Human Rights Information Center

Stronger Together: Development of the Network and Raising Capacity of Ukrainian CSOs	SLMAQMI9G R2312	January 1-December 31, 2020	Crimean Human Rights Group - Human Rights Information Center
(award not funded by USAID)			

The auditee contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm LLC Audit & Consulting Group Compass to conduct the audit. The audit firm states that it performed the audit in accordance with the U.S. Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. However, 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 said that Ukraine does not offer such a review program. 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 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 awards terms and applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm performed the subject financial audit that covered \$458,541 of USAID funds from January 1 to December 31, 2020.

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

During our desk review, we noted minor issues which the audit firm may need to address in future audit reports. We presented these issues in a letter to the controller dated October 26, 2021.

The report does not contain any recommendations for your action.

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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.

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