



## OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL U.S. Agency for International Development

### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** December 27, 2022

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

**FROM:** USAID OIG Middle East and Eastern Europe (ME/EE) Regional Office, Audit Director, David Thomanek /s/

**SUBJECT:** Audit of the Schedule of Expenditures of Ednannia (Joining Forces) - Initiative Center to Support Social Action, Ukraine Civil Society Sectoral Support Activity Program, Cooperative Agreement 72012119CA00003, January 1 to December 31, 2021 (8-121-23-007-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on the schedule of expenditures of Ednannia (Joining Forces) - Initiative Center to Support Social Action, Ukraine Civil Society Sectoral Support Activity program, cooperative agreement 72012119CA00003, from January 1 to December 31, 2021. The auditee contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm LLC Audit & Consulting Group Compass 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, USAID Financial Audit Guide for Foreign Organizations and International Standards on Auditing issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. However, it did not participate in an external quality control review program and did not have a continuing education program that fully satisfies the U.S. Government Auditing Standards' requirements. The audit firm said that Ukraine does not offer such an external quality control review program. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on the auditee's schedule of expenditures; 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 schedule of expenditures 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

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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.

and applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit objectives, the auditors performed the subject financial audit that covered \$2,418,312 in USAID expenditures from January 1 to December 31, 2021.

The audit firm expressed an unmodified opinion on the fund accountability statement and did not identify any questioned costs. The audit firm did not identify any material weaknesses in the internal control or 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 several areas for improvement which the audit firm should address in future audit reports. We presented these areas in a memo to the mission controller, dated December 27, 2022.

The report does not include any recommendations for your action.

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