

A serene sunset scene over a body of water. In the foreground, a small boat with a canopy is visible on the left. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water's surface. In the background, there are silhouettes of mountains and a forested hillside.

Finance Manager October 2024

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Welcome from Cord CEO Andy Pask

Thanks for taking the time to read about what it means to join Cord.

Cord is an international charity working to make peace a reality where people don't have the freedom to exercise their rights. We work to build the relationship between those in power and local communities.

We believe that people flourish when all parts of society work together. Peaceful relationships make that possible. The simple act of talking begins a journey of growth which transforms mistrust, includes the excluded and turns adversaries into allies.

This vision, our mission and our values are inspired by the Christian faith and based on these values we work with and employ people of all faiths and none.

Cord currently operates in eight countries either implementing activities directly or through partnership with other organisations. Typically, about 70% is direct expenditure and 30% is spending through grants to partners.



Cord's turnover is about £2m a year. About 85% of Cord's funding is restricted, coming from institutional donors like the EU and the US government, and 15% (about £300K) is unrestricted coming from a committed UK supporter base and other private fundraising streams.

In 2024, Cord operates in eight countries and has offices in Burundi, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia & Philippines. Cord has a global team of thirty people with finance staff across six country teams.

The Finance Manager role is a newly created role which is being introduced to strengthen the organisation's financial management and control systems. The postholder will work across the breadth of the finance function preparing internal management accounts and external annual accounts.

In 2024, Cord changed its finance system to use Business Central. The Finance Manager will become the organisation's main 'admin' user of the finance system. In the near-term, there will be a particular focus on rolling out further functionality of the system.

The Finance Manager will have oversight of the UK finance function through the line management of the UK Finance Officer and will directly deliver on the international side of operations in the areas of donor compliance, programme financial management, partner financial monitoring, and reporting.

If you like what you read and are passionate about real and lasting change, come and join us as part of the Cord story.



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, sweeping 'A' followed by a series of loops and a final 'R'.

Andy Pask - CEO



For over fifty years we have been committed to healthy, thriving, collaborative relationships that support peace

Our Mission...

is to transform dysfunctional relationships between individuals and communities and those holding power into positive and thriving relationships built on mutual dependency and trust

Our Vision...

is of a world where all people live in the fullness of peace; having the freedom to flourish and live free from fear





Our Values

We are compassionate and we find within ourselves a deep concern for our fellow human beings who are not flourishing

We value everyone and recognise that every human being is created unique and special. We therefore place great value on every human life being worthy of dignity and respect with fundamental rights that should be protected

We are interdependent and know that communities and societies work best when strong and healthy interdependent relationships are formed

We explore root causes of conflict, pushing through superficial and visible effects to understand hidden drivers and how we can address them in the most sustainable way



The Role - Finance Manager

Location

Home based with regular meet-ups in Coventry and travel to country programmes

Contract

Permanent, full time

Salary

£38,220 - £46,246 (dependent on capabilities, qualifications and experience)

Benefits

Flexible Working, 36 days annual leave (including public holidays & discretionary 3-day Christmas closure), pension scheme with up to 6% employer contribution, international country programme visits

Reports to

Head of Operations

Responsible for

UK Finance Officer

Internal relationships

Finance Officers (Burundi, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Philippines)

Programme Quality Lead

Programme Management teams (Country Reps/ Programme Managers)

Fundraising Manager

External relationships

Business Central third-party provider

Banks and financial service providers

Auditors

Donor grants teams

Counterparts in other partner organisations



Job purpose and scope

Job Purpose

- To support the Head of Operations to provide finance team leadership, develop and deliver an annual finance workplan to ensure continual improvement, and to drive finance capacity across the organisation
- To ensure the effective financial management of the organisation create and maintain effective financial control
- To be the Business Central Finance System Lead, developing functionality, troubleshooting and capacitating system users
- To ensure financial compliance: prepare statutory accounts, partner compliance, donor compliance and financial reporting

Scope and limits of authority

Budget management:

The post holder will support the global budget setting process and provide budget monitoring oversight of the global budget.

There is no budget authorisation. This role will be an account signatory responsible for processing payments.

Line management:

This role has line management responsibility for the UK Finance Officer and support functional oversight of the international Finance team.

Risk management:

Mitigation and risk reduction around finance compliance, contractual risks, sanctions, fraud & misuse of funds
Ensuring the development and implementation of Cord Global and/or country specific financial policy and procedures

Areas of Responsibility

Finance Team Leadership

- To support the Head of Operations to provide finance team leadership
- To deliver an annual finance workplan to ensure continual improvement and adaptation to the changing operating needs
- To coordinate regular meetings of the global finance team and foster an encouraging culture of peer support, learning and development
- Coach and mentor team members in key aspects of finance management, financial controls, compliance and reporting

Organisational Financial Management

- To ensure the effective financial management of the organisation
- Support the global budgeting process to provide a three-year budget planning horizon
- To prepare management accounts and undertake regular finance management reviews
- Treasury and cash flow management
- To create and maintain an effective and well-controlled financial environment with rigorous financial and balance sheet control
- Review and identify gaps for effective financial management, input to policy drafting and development of procedures
- Maintain the internal audit function and perform certain financial control functions

Key Responsibilities

Business Central Finance System Lead

- Be the 'admin user' of the Business Central-Microsoft Dynamics (BC) finance system, point of contact with third-party provider for troubleshooting and functional development
- Maintain and develop the system, roll out functional improvements and design reports
- Proactively work to drive digital adaptation and efficient ways of working including streamline organisation procedures and BC integration
- Maintain and develop guidance notes and user resources for Finance Users and Team Member Users and provide induction and training to system users

Compliance and Reporting

- To produce annual organisation accounts for audit and support Annual Return
- Prepare/ review reports for institutional donors
- Prepare internal project financial monitoring reports and support finance officers/programmes teams to use project financial monitoring tools
- To provide expert advice on taxes, accounting policies, changes in legislation, donor compliance, and international GAAP and SORP.
- To support partner compliance, undertake due diligence assessments, monitoring partner reporting, and perform checks and audits.

About You

Knowledge

- Qualified Accountant (ICA, CIMA, CIPFA or ACCA) or proven equivalent experience
- Knowledge of the Charity sector, GAAP and SORP accounting requirements
- Knowledge of major institutional funders e.g. USAID (CFR200), EU, UN

Experience

- Minimum of 4 years' experience of working in similar position
- Experience of financial management of large institutional donor funded programmes and contract management
- Experience of working with and motivating diverse teams at distance
- Demonstrated experience of charity financial management

Skills

- Highly developed interpersonal, communication and influencing skills (including with senior managers and non-financial managers)
- Ability to work under pressure to meet tight deadlines, operate within budgets and to solve problems
- Ability to work independently & proactively
- Proven communications skills, both verbal and written English including the ability to write clearly, concisely and precisely
- Fluency in French (desirable)
- Highly digitally competent with advanced excel skills
- Ability to use Microsoft Dynamics/Business Central (desirable)
- Willing to occasionally travel internationally to visit project teams and partners.

You'll need...

A proactive attitude and to be creative and participatory in problem solving

Commitment to Cord's values

Enthusiasm, diplomacy and the ability to use own initiative

Flexibility, friendliness and willingness to work as part of a team

A zero tolerance to fraud approach

Willingness to travel within internationally





Next Steps

Interested?

To apply please send a cover letter and a CV to hr@cord.org.uk

Recruitment Timeline

Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and interviews will be organised according to availability

**Closing to applications on:
Sunday 3rd November 2024**