

Smile Again Africa Development Organization (SAADO) is a national non-profit humanitarian and development organization dedicated to working with the youth and their communities to reach their full potential. Founded in 2011, SAADO works across all the states of South Sudan promoting social cohesion and empowering communities to tackle the causes of poverty and injustice. We provide humanitarian assistance to families affected by disaster & conflict while partnering with communities for long-term solutions to alleviate poverty. Motivated by the potential in the youth, we optimize their role to foster peaceful co-existence and economic empowerment in South Sudan.

SAADO is looking for some qualified persons to fill the position of;

Job Title:

Director of Finance, Admin and Grants Management

Line Manager:

**Executive Director** 

Location:

South Sudan (Juba)

Job Summary:

Reporting to the Executive Director, the Director for Finance, Administration and Grants Management provides overall leadership, oversight and management support for all aspects of financial management Administration, and grants management in SAADO South Sudan Office. He / she focuses on ensuring accountability, coordinating planning and budgeting processes, providing accurate financial data and developing financial strategy that best serves support and program objectives. Responsible for the finance staff capacity building, the development and implementation of good internal controls, compliance at all levels, and utilization and safe guarding of assets according to SAADO Responsible for budgeting preparation and budget controlling and grant management

## KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide strong and positive leadership to the finance department ensuring competent and motivated staff are hired and retained, providing efficient delivery of services.
- Provide overall leadership to the Administration function ensuring that the national / field office is effectively supported, and staff have a clean, secure and hospitable place to work
- Coordinate professional and personal development of finance staff through adequate orientation, on-the-job coaching, identification of learning, training needs and opportunities (e.g. in accounting, SAP, ERP, grant management, risk management, leadership, etc.); and succession planning.

Providing cost analysis, promoting benchmarks and making recommendations for determining effective resourutilization at all levels.

Contributing to the development of appropriate policies and procedures for procurement of goods and services.

Coordinate the planning and budgeting process and provide technical support, to ensure best practice guidelines are met.

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Design and manage systems, policies and procedures that provide appropriate levels of security and control SAADO assets, resources and operations.

Coordinate the submission of timely, accurate and complete relevant reporting to the Partnership and to internal

- Manage appropriate financial systems and controls and ensure they are in place to avoid significant finance audit risk ratings.
- Lead in development of Logistics, procurement, fleet management, and security policies for SAADO to guarantee seamless support in program implementation.
- Lead in development of Human Resource policies that attract, retain and compensate the necessary human capital assigned to drive SAADO's strategy.
- Provide performance management responsibilities by supervising the Finance Manager, and Administration Manager.
- Incorporate staff development strategies and performance management systems into team building process Establish a result-based system and follow up.
- Manage and mentor Program staff in grants management processes.
- Ensure staff understand and are able to perform their roles, have clear work plans, performance objectives are in place and their capacity is strengthened.
- Maintaining and updating the country office annual budget planning /forecast, master budget and funding allocation schedule for management decision making.
- Coordinate with the department heads, Program director and State Coordinators to draw yearly budgets. SOUT
- Produce monthly analysis and reports for budgetary information and existing funding gap/performance.
- Lead in the development and maintenance of financial models to track the budget, expenses, and variations.
- Budget preparation and modification of proposal budgets and reviewing and advising on proposal cost recovery and justified to make sure the proposal budget is reasonable and realistic for the project needs and is in compliance with internal and external rules and regulations.
- Review the journal transactions and ensure the cost charges to these un-restricted funds in line with approved assignment
- Run monthly review for data quality and ensure all transitions are in line with SAADO cost classification with particular focus on the non-thematic and cross non-thematic.
- In-depth technical and administration knowledge to connect the financial and administrative information to generate insight and recommendation for program effectivenes
- Develop and oversee effective and efficient implementation of Grants program development strategy in line with the country strategy.
- Give strategic direction to the department, ensuring that it remains innovative in business development.
- Lead the team to prioritize use of available resources to develop a sustainable portfolio of project grants.
- Ensure grants acquisition supports achievement of strategic priorities.
- Monitor local and international Donor trends to maintain competitiveness.
- Insure program portfolio is directed according to set management standards.
- Develop standards, guidelines and approaches for quality business development and monitor compliance.

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- Ensure there is a coordinated strategic engagement that identifies and prioritizes on key external stakeholders and create clear points of engagement locally, regionally, nationally and internationally,
- Build and strengthen networks and partnerships with strategically identified stakeholders to improve learning, influence competitiveness and visibility to realize sustainable impact on lives and livelihoods of the communities we serve.
- Strengthen and expend networking with government, donor, and NGO and UN bodies to coordinate SAADO work with theirs.
- Maintain good communication with and represent SAADO to Support Offices, key NGOs and Governmental Departments; Participate in joint agency assessments, task-force teams and workshops.
- Establish, roll out and manage protocols for coordinating communication between ministry units and support offices, key international and national donors and other stakeholders.
- Provide oversight in regular updating of the Grants Management
- Track grants processes and milestones for all awards through the grants cycle ensuring relevant information and words documentation is disseminated to relevant staff in a timely manner
- Facilitate project kick off meetings ensuring relevant staff and partners are aware of their programmatic, financial and compliance obligations/requirements.
- Review current grant progress against original plans and log frames, identify areas of concern and ensure remedia.
- Assist in consolidating and/or quality control of reports, in relation donor requirements, original project proposal, and consistency in both narrative and financial reports.
- Facilitate the project quarterly reviews in consultation with the State Coordinators and Technical Managers.
- Support the tracking of donor financial disbursement against signed contracts and prepare request for financial disbursements from donors as contained in the project agreements.
- In coordination with the program teams, flag any issues that may impede the implementation of project work plans or cause deviations from the set award course by initiating revisions, modifications and No-cost extensions as necessary and follow through by signing and dissemination of the same.
- Support best practices on grant closure procedures and monitor compliance to grant closure steps/milestone.
- In coordination with Finance Manager department, manage effective tracking of project income from the relevant donors.
- In coordination with relevant staff, design, maintain and inform internal procedures, systems and tools to facilitate partner compliance with contractual obligations to donors.
- Carry out internal financial reviews to ensure that donor guidelines are implemented and followed, including financial, procurement and administrative aspects.
- Travel to the project sites/offices and carry out contract management training of staff through inception/E/ workshops, coaching and mentoring in setting up systems to monitor key accountabilities e.g. co-financing, exchange rates, interest and budget rules in line with contractual requirements.
- Conduct partner capacity assessments and plan capacity building sessions in conjunction with the field staff.
- Conduct and document periodic implementing partner reviews.
- Facilitate internal and external audit procedures in conjunction with the donor compliance team.

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- Support program teams in the interpretation and operationalization of donor rules and regulations.
- Collate, analyze and disseminate management information on performance of institutional donor contracts against defined risks and financial indicators to inform mitigation actions
- Gather and disseminate knowledge to bridge any gap between the requirements of institutional donors and systems helping to ensure alignment and compliance
- Establish and coordinate a community of practice on institutional income planning and contract management
- With input from the State Coordinator, Technical Managers, Communications Officer help produce high quality program progress reports as per donor requirements.
- Provide high quality review and assembly of program documentation including drafting editing and formatting.
- Provide through progress reporting, a continuous analysis of the achievements, facilitate project reviews, evaluation and audits.
- Develop donors reporting timelines and requirements template; ensure it is updated at all times.
- Collecting and collating information from field teams, supporting teams and management in documenting ongoing activities in each project/thematic area.
- Drafting and editing reports to be submitted to donors and the head office in Copenhagen.
- Timely dissemination of reporting tools and requirements and follow up to ensure internal and external reporting deadlines are respected.
- Cross check data with other program staff to ensure that reporting generated accurately reflects program activities.
- Conduct staff training needs assessment and organize corresponding training forums on results-based program
- Support program staff in organizing and managing seminars, workshops, and donor field visits as required,

## Qualification

- Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance or Business Administration, or a related field. MBA in Finance, MSC in Finance/Accounting/Auditing preferred.
- Minimum 5 to 7 years' experience in finance position with medium business/medium NGO/government agency Trained ACCA, CIMA or CPA preferred.
- Minimum 3 years' experience in support services management position.
- Solid knowledge of accounting principles, financial systems, budget/cash flow monitoring and internal accounting controls.
- Experience in resource mobilization and grants management
- Ability to solve complex problems and to exercise independent judgment.
- Good working knowledge of computerized accounting systems, preferable QuickBooks.
- Knowledge of government grant regulations and financial reporting requirements preferred

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## HOW TO APPLY FOR THIS JOB:

Interested candidates should submit their applications to SAADO office Human Resources, Department, at Plot No: 1, Ext. ECSS Guest House, next to Kenyan Embassy, Hai Cinema, Juba, South Sudan, or e-mail to vacancy@saado.org not later than November 30th, 2022. .

Note, SAADO South Sudan, is an equal opportunity employer; it does not discriminate on the basis of religion, race or political affiliation.





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