

JOB PROFILE

How to Apply for this Job



Background on Tearfund

Who we are: We are a Christian organisation partnering with the local church wherever possible to see change in the lives of those in greatest economic need. We believe poverty is caused by broken relationships with God, others, the environment and ourselves, and working to see those relationships restored is key to how we work. We want to see change that is economic, material, environmental and spiritual. See: Tearfund's [Theology of Mission](#)

Our vision: To see people freed from poverty, living transformed lives and reaching their God-given potential

Our mission: We follow Jesus where the need is greatest, responding to crisis and partnering with local churches to bring restoration to those living in poverty

Our values: We aspire to be courageous, truthful, compassionate, servant-hearted and Christ-centred

Relevant scriptures include: 2 Cor. 5:8-11, James 3:18, Romans 8:18-25, Philippians 4:7, John 10:10, Luke 4:16-21 and Micah 6:8

Tearfund's Application Process

Qualified candidates should attach and send via email a written application (addressed to the Human Resource, Tearfund Nigeria) and a summarized 2 to 3 pages CV to nigeria.recruitments@tearfund.org using the interested job title as the subject of the email. Two or more role applications by an individual will be disqualified.

In this Job Profile pack we've included a full Job Description as well as a Person Specification. Please ensure that your application clearly shows how your skills and experience meet the requirements for this post.

Job Profile

Job Title	Senior Finance Officer (JISRA/Peacebuilding)
Group	International
Team	West Africa
Location	Jos, Nigeria.
Responsible to	Finance Manager (FM) – Nigeria (with a dotted matrix management relationship to the Project Manager - Consortium Lead)

Part 1 – Job Description

1. Main purpose of the job

The Senior Finance Officer will be responsible for:

- Overseeing the PoV Financial Management and liaise with the Country Consortium Lead and PoV Consortium Partners and Implementing Partners (SFCG, CAFOD, MM, Tearfund, DIWA, DREP, FOMWAN, RURCON & SUWA).
- Harmonise the Nigeria Consortium Financial reports in liaison with Tearfund West Africa Finance Team.
- S/he will also be responsible for the provision of practical support and advice to Tearfund partners on the following: strengthening financial management capacity, strengthening partner's internal control systems, improving financial budgeting and reporting. Responsible for ensuring donor compliance for all financial management issues. Provides accounting functions and financial management input to Tearfund Nigeria.

2. Position in organisation

- Responsible to the Finance Manager, Nigeria.
- Grade: Croner 5 Level
- Works closely with the Project Manager (Consortium Lead)
- Works directly with Tearfund's partners, especially the finance staff of partners.
- Works closely with the Tearfund's Finance team, Support Services Coordinator, and other in-country Tearfund staff.

3. Tearfund's Christian culture

We believe that prayer and discernment is fundamental to Tearfund achieving its mission of restoring relationships, ending extreme poverty and transforming lives. As a Tearfund staff member you are expected to:-

- Engage with Tearfund Prays and the Prayer hub
- Lead or participate in spiritual sessions of prayer and biblical reflection within your group
- Be committed to Tearfund's Mission, Values and Beliefs statement and to be actively working and living in accordance with Tearfund's Christian beliefs and theology of mission
- Maintain your own spiritual development, discover your gifts/callings and grow in discipleship

4. Organisational requirements

- The post holder will be expected to live out Tearfund's values as they represent Tearfund externally.

- S/he will be expected to fulfil their personal objectives set by their line manager, contribute to their team's overall objectives, take responsibility for reviewing their ongoing personal development and maintain an awareness of Tearfund's strategy.
- S/he will be expected, along with all Tearfund staff, to share responsibility to promote and maintain a strong safeguarding culture, including identifying the key actions they should take given their role and responsibilities.
- The post-holder will be required to actively participate in the spiritual life of Tearfund in the following ways:
 - To model godly leadership in all aspects of character and conduct.
 - To lead or contribute in Christian worship, prayer, teaching and biblical reflections during collective staff prayer times and encourage staff to attend as is appropriate.
 - To be committed to and share in the outworking of Tearfund's Mission, Purpose, Values and Statement of Faith.
 - To actively work and live in accordance with Tearfund's Statement of Faith and Tearfund's Christian ethos.
 - To pursue and maintain a Christian faith through ongoing personal spiritual development and a relationship with God.
 - To provide support and spiritual encouragement to staff and colleagues, in line with biblical principles.

The post-holder will be expected to behave in accordance with Tearfund's '**Code of Conduct**' as referred to in the Personal Conduct Policy.

5. Duties & Key Responsibilities

5.1 Support to Partners

- Carry out financial management reviews/assessment of partners by identifying critical gaps and capacity development needs.
- Provides direct support to partner on:
 - strengthening internal controls, improving organisational and project level budgeting and reporting
 - appropriate tools for senior management and board to ensure adequate monitoring and decision making on financial management.
 - quality of financial and administrative documentation.
 - computerised financial packages
- Develop specific financial management capacity building plans for partners.
- Facilitating training on financial management for non-financial managers at partner level.
- Develop a work plan that prioritises key areas of support to partners.

5.2 Financial and Accounting Supervision

- Ensure that all Tearfund's internal controls and other financial procedures are adhered to and fully implemented.
- Ensure that all Tearfund's financial transactions (bank, cash, accruals) are properly recorded in accordance with Tearfund's policy
- Ensure that all government regulations concerning finances are respected (Taxes and other statutory Deductions)
- Maintain an inventory list of all office equipment and fixed assets.
- Ensure compliances with Tearfund finance policies, standards, procedures and government VAT & Tax requirements.
- Ensure that the requirements of the Donors are followed.
- Ensure that all accounting operations (Both Tearfund and Partner) are submitted to the FM in time for uploading in PSF. Close the cash and bank books on the second day of

- each month and send the details to the FM.
- Manage all payments made, including: -
 - Verification of the accuracy and appropriateness of invoices and other documents provided for payments.
 - Ensure that all relevant supporting documents are in place and that all Tearfund policies and regulations have been followed.
 - Ensure payments reach the beneficiaries
 - Record all bank transactions made in the accounting system provided.
 - Classification of all supporting documents according to the procedures defined by Tearfund.
- Inform Project Managers and Partner Staff of specific donor regulations for procurement, distribution, and reporting.
- Ensure that Tearfund and Partner books and records, insofar as they relate to donor-funded projects, are kept in accordance with donor requirements.
- Produce accurate and up-to-date reports using required formats.
- Petty cash management.
- Ensures that the cash count is made every end of every month (or as determined by the FM).
- Management of advances to staff (ensure that advances are accounted for over time and that no double advances are issued)
- Classification - Ensure that all financial documents are stamped "PAID" and classified in accordance with Tearfund's policies and practices.

5.3 Accounting and Financial Management

- Verification of telephone billing and other monthly invoices from service providers such as medical bills, tax, and rent, ensuring that personal expenses are passed on to the respective employees.
- Track service contracts to ensure they are renewed on time and for those who expire, follow the correct process if they need to be terminated or renewed.
- Provide financial / accounting assistance to the country office to ensure that procedures and policies are not flouted.
- To be a leader in the prevention of fraud at the base and to provide technical support for fraud investigations.
- Undertake any other task assigned by the FM and Country Director.

Part 2 – Person Specification

Job title:

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Qualifications	Degree in Finance / Accounts or equivalent experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACA / MBA / CA, ICAN, ANAN or equivalent ● Proven experience in relief and disaster response work
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minimum of five (5) years' experience in accounting ● Strong technical experience in book-keeping, accounting and financial management. ● Providing financial capacity assessment to local partner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Experience of working with Christian based partners ● Understanding of accounting issues in the charity/NGO sector.

Skills/Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent written and verbal communication in English language. • Planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation skills • Communication and presentation skills • Self-motivation • Computer literate in MS-Word, Excel, Powerpoint, etc • Team player • Initiative • Attention to detail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to Prioritise • Good analytical skills; • Training and mentoring skill • Ability to communicate in Hausa
Personal Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committed Christian with a personal relationship with God • Committed to Tearfund's Mission, Values and Beliefs • Logical Thinker and Problem solver • Humanitarian motivation • Commitment to accountability to Beneficiaries and transparency, showing dignity and respect • Understanding and sensitivity to cross cultural issues. • Flexible and adaptable to changing environments • Ability to remain calm under pressure • Influential, diplomatic and determined • Willingness to travel and live in basic and potentially insecure conditions; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committed to regular Christian fellowship with other Christians • Christian motivation in relation to injustice and serving those in need.
OTHER COMMENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All roles require a DBS/Police check • Tearfund is a member of the SCHR Misconduct Disclosure Scheme • Personal identification information will be submitted against a Watchlist database to check against criminal convictions as a counter-terror measure 		