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Job Title:	Finance and Operations Lead		
Directorate:	Finance and Operations	Job Family:	
Reports to:	Executive Director	Grade:	G
Location:	Nairobi, Kenya		
Direct Reports:	Snr Acct - LRP & Partner, Management Accountant, Procurement & Administration Coordinator		
Job Role			
Role Overview:	<p>The holder of the position is a member of senior management team and is expected to ensure organizational efficiency and effectiveness. The role shall be responsible for effective financial and operational management in accordance with AAIK and AAI policies, regulations and international accounting standards and to provide accurate and timely financial information to AAIK management and other stakeholders.</p> <p>Responsible for monitoring financial and operational management and performance of all programs/projects/sub-units and partners in the country, ensuring compliance with global standards, systems and processes, and law of land as well as donors' rules on financial management.</p> <p>Provide strategic financial support to the Country SMT in strategic planning, reporting, analysis and risk management. In addition, the Head shall be responsible for supervision of information technology, procurement and logistics functions in the organization.</p>		
Accountabilities			
Key Accountabilities / Responsibilities:	Key Activities		
Values Practice & Strategy Change Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leading Innovation and Change - Establish a culture of excellence in respective to a team that values experimentation and continuous improvement • Feminist Leadership – Championing feminist leadership principles and values including commitment to diversity and inclusion (race, gender, power) • Child protection and safeguarding –Embed AAIK and sector’s approach to child protection and Safeguarding is embedded in all initiatives holistically • AAIK Values Practice – Ensure a personal and team culture that demonstrates all of AAI’s Values including: Mutual Respect, Equity and Justice, Integrity, Solidarity with people Living in Poverty and Exclusion, Courage of Conviction, Independence and Humility 		
Organisational and Corporate Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the development and achievement of the AAI’s strategic objectives including Country Strategy development. • Ensure that the long-term financial strategy of the country programme is viable. • Keep the other members of the AAIK Management Team informed about financial matters. • Establish and develop close communication links with the Global Secretariat Team. • Ensure compliance & stay current with international, regional, local legal & statutory requirements • Filing of returns and other reporting requirements to regulatory agencies. 		
Financial Accounting and Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulation and implementation of the AAIK’s finance and accounting policies and procedures in compliance with international accounting standards (IAS/IFRS). 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulation and implementation of an effective system of internal control that safeguards and ensures optimal utilization of AAIK assets and resources and prevents fraud and irregularities • Ensuring the organization's assets and liabilities are safeguarded and recorded correctly • Ensuring prudent financial management in the Organization; Giving guidance in all financial and accounting matters • Overseeing custody and control of accountable documents • Ensuring timely reconciliation of accounts, expenditure control and payment of suppliers • Overseeing timely preparation and payment of employees' salaries, tax and other statutory deductions • Ensuring production of accurate and timely financial and management reports to the board, ED, management, donors, and AAI in compliance with international Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), local accounting regulatory body (ICPAK) requirements and ActionAid International Financial Policies and Management Framework • Production of statutory financial statements and reports in accordance with IFRS.
<p>Cash & Treasury Management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure AAIK has sufficient cash within the head office and field offices to enable effective implementation of programme work and meet immediate obligations • Manage exchange to ensure losses are minimized when making foreign currency sales; Advise management of any adverse economic status especially where major currency losses may be realized; and • Ensure AAIK has sufficient reserves in compliance with AAI reserve requirements and to ensure financial stability.
<p>Budgeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of annual budgeting and forecasting in accordance with AAIK and AAI guidelines and procedures in furtherance of the CSP implementation • Preparation of consolidated detailed and summary annual expenditure budgets that aid management and board in making necessary decisions and in compliance with AAI requirements. • Lead the organization in allocation of financial resources including both sponsorship income and partnership incomes to ensure financial stability and good liquidity of the organization; and • Production of two-year financial plans within the prescribed timetable.
<p>Procurement, Administration & Information Technology</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead formulation and implementation of policies, systems and procedures governing administration, procurement, logistics and front office operations within the organization in order to promote organizational efficiency and effectiveness • Oversee outsourced services • Lead the provision of logistic services in the organization; and • Availing necessary administrative requirements to every office. • Oversee the formulation, interpretation and application of IT policies, procedures, rules and regulations • Provide appropriate information and guidance on emerging and best practices in IT • Oversee the organization's network and liaising with IT suppliers and support services provider
<p>Fundraising and Donor Grant Management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in development of fundraising proposal/s from the beginning of the process, especially preparation of budget proposals and contract negotiations. • Review and approve all donor proposal budgets to ensure the projects' viability, reasonability and effective financial resourcing • Ensure full compliance to financial requirements of all donor contracts • Ensure all projects reasonably contribute to financing of the organizations' core functions of the organization. • Review and sign off on the budget proposal developed by AAIK.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that reports are submitted to the donor on a timely basis, in the format agreed with the donor and that all other reporting requirements are adequately adhered to. • Donor grants and contract management.
Partner development and management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of the financial management capability of potential partner NGOs, including their internal control systems, documentation and capacity to report on expenditure before long-term relationships are entered into • Development and implementation of an accounting and reporting system between partners and AAIK • Undertake partners capacity building in Financial Matters and governance • Development of close communication links with the finance and administrative staff of partner NGOs and development of their financial capacity in a systematic way • Continuous review of partner expenditures on a regular basis • Ensuring that the external and internal audit reports of partner NGOs are reviewed and acted upon as necessary
System, Policies and Procedures Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuously review, evaluate, develop and implement an internal control system to maintain the financial integrity of AAIK. • Ensure the Development, implementation and evaluation of financial management systems to maintain the financial integrity of AAIK. • Interpret and comply with established AAI corporate Policies and Financial Management Framework (FMF). • Develop, review, revise and interpret to users and keep updated the LFPPM developed within the overall framework and structure of the FMF and Local laws.
Annual Planning and budgeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide Guidelines on financial and operational planning process related to staff and to all budget holders • Coordinate income allocation process as per national RAF. • Co-ordinate the annual budgeting, forecasting and planning exercise and ensure that these are consistent with guidelines and procedure agreed with AAI and in accordance with specific needs of AAIK. • Review detailed expenditure budgets and consolidated summary budget tables and ensure that they are consistent with the information and formats provided by the Regional Office and AAI. • Coordinate with Sponsorship Department and produce on an annual basis a forecast of sponsorship income for the following period.
Audit and risk management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • Ensuring that financial statements and schedules are prepared for internal or external auditors as required • Ensuring sufficient audit trails are maintained for all transactions at the AAIK • Draft the ToR for external audit and provide support to internal and external auditors • Follow up and implementation of agreed recommendations by both internal and external auditors • Coordinate the Risk Register development process and update it on quarterly basis. • Assess risks associated with long term financial plan. • Liaise closely with both the internal and external auditors to ensure that audit timetables and guidelines are adhered to.
People Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide department oversight and directly supervise staff by reviewing individual work plans. • Ensuring efficient and effective management of staff within the Department taking into account staff skills. • Undertake performance appraisal for staff in the Department and initiation of correction actions for identified gaps • Facilitate and provide induction, training, coaching, mentoring and advice within the Department and to partners

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in Board and committee meetings and give necessary support and information.
Other Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform other functions that will be assigned by the Executive Director from time to time.
Typical People Management Responsibility	
Approximate number of people managed in total	3
Matrix Manager – (projects/dotted line)	No
Team Leader	Yes
Manager of Team Leaders/Managers	Yes
What is the global remit? Operates in:	
Own country	Yes
Key Relationships to reach solutions	
Internal (to ActionAid or team)	Internal and External
Country Senior Management Team	SMT, Staff, Partners and Community
Peer	Heads of Finance
GS staff	Finance Advisor
Executive Director	Direct Reporting
Person Specification	
Education & Certifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a Business Degree from a recognized University Is a Certified Public Accountants (CPA (K)) or ACCA (final) or its equivalent; An MBA or MSc. or MA in Business management from a recognized University;
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have at least Eight (8) years working experience in financial management and accounting work in an INGO or a large organization of which at least three (3) years must have been at management position Is a member with good standing of relevant professional body e.g. ICPAK; Experience in preparing and analysing financial reports and plans, and drawing insight for use by management and different donors Have experience in development and implementation of financial systems and operations Have practical experience in donor grants management & reporting, management reporting and statutory reporting in compliance with IFRS. Experience in providing support and training Experience and knowledge of Kenya country and context will be an added advantage.
Essential knowledge and skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have demonstrated high understanding of finance and accounting and operational matters Knowledge, practical application of GAAP. Strong financial expertise and familiarity in management and accounting practices at a senior management level. Sound practical knowledge of accounting systems (preferably SUN) and use of spreadsheets Proven experience in design, implementing and monitoring financial and administrative control systems. Proven experience in generating budgets and financial reports for use by management and donors.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auditing awareness (ISAs), asset inventory management, payroll processing and management • Sound procurement knowledge and exposure, financial systems and records management & reporting. • Excellent negotiation and communication skills, including demonstrated ability to handle sensitive negotiations on matters affecting AAIK staff. • Strong leadership and management skills • Strong analytical/problem solving, and management of crisis, conflict and risk • A strong commitment to embedding feminist leadership and AAIK's humanitarian signature. • A good understanding of human rights, women's rights, and socio-economic justice • A strong commitment to adhering to and promoting AAIK's approach to Sexual Harassment, Exploitation, and Abuse and other Safeguarding concerns (including child abuse and abuse of adults at-risk). • Excellent conceptual, analytical, documentation and presentation skills • Excellent skills in facilitation and capacity building for inter-linkages amongst staff, partners & stakeholders • High degree of integrity, dependability and confidentiality • Good interpersonal and communication skills coupled with ability to influence, negotiate, advice, mentor and train • Ability to work independently and be self-motivated • High level of IT proficiency in use of SUN system, Vision, MS Word, Excel, Access, Power-point, and e-mail.
Desirable Knowledge and Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project management is preferred

Competency Profile

Leading organisation	Strategic perspective	Demonstrate alignment of the Organisation's strategic priorities and goals.
	Change management	Uses effective strategies to facilitate organisation change initiatives and overcome resistance to change by involving others, listening and building commitment.
	Decisiveness and Agility	Prefers quick and appropriate actions in many management situations, able to adapt and respond to fast changing eco system/environment.
Leading others	Leading Teams	Attracts, motivates, and develops high performing teams.
	Building Collaborative Relationship	Builds productive working relationships with co-workers and external parties, whilst valuing diversity (gender, race, culture).
	Communication	Expresses ideas clearly and concisely; disseminates information about decisions and plans proactively.
Leading with Purpose and Credibility	Leading with Purpose and Credibility	Acts in accordance with stated values; has strong commitment to develop, promote and practice AAI's values

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Innovation and Taking Initiative	Takes charge and proactively seeks new ideas, experiments with new processes/practices that capitalizes on opportunities
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Signed

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