# Finance Manager

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Abaana is a Christian based charity which invests in children in Africa, helping them to break the chains of poverty, through education.

### **Our Mission**

Abaana exists to show the love of God, transforming the lives of impoverished children and their communities in Africa, through raising funds, awareness and motivating people to give sacrificially.

#### **Education & Sponsorship**

We passionately believe that providing access to education is one of the most important ways of helping children escape from poverty. Over the last 20 plus years, Abaana has built 16 new primary schools in Uganda, many in the poorest, rural areas. Working with the schools and their local communities, Abaana provides sponsorship for children from the poorest families to enable them to attend school.

#### **Street Children**

Since January 2007 Abaana has been changing the lives of the children living on the streets of Kampala, Uganda's capital. Abaana sees the potential in each street child and works alongside partners to provide support for these street kids. Our long-term goal is to get as many of these children as possible into good homes.

In meeting with these children over a period of time we build relationships with them. For those whom we can, we offer a place at our New Life Homes. These are rehabilitation and transitional homes where boys can receive the love and support they need and are given the opportunity for a good education.

#### **Short Term Teams**

We have been taking teams to Uganda since 2001, where people of all ages can engage in different areas of our work.

#### **New Life Choir**

The New Life Choir is a group of 20 children who are beneficiaries of Abaana's projects across Uganda. They will represent their local communities by singing their way around the UK and Ireland, acting as ambassadors for their friends and families still living in poverty.



# Abaana Holds the Following Values:

| Christian    | believe in Jesus Christ and follow His teachings & lifestyle                                   |
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| Compassion   | a deep awareness and sympathy for human suffering and a strong desire to do something about it |
| Stewardship  | how we use and care for the gifts, talents and affairs God has given to us                     |
| Humanitarian | devoted to the promotion of human welfare                                                      |
| Visionary    | a seer, characterized by vision                                                                |
| Community    | a group of people sharing a common interest                                                    |
| Empowering   | to equip or supply with an ability                                                             |
| Excellence   | the state, quality or condition of excelling                                                   |



# **ABAANA JOB DESCRIPTION**

## Job Title: Finance Manager

| Responsible to: | Abaana CEO                                                                                                      |
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| Job Location:   | Abaana, 78 High Street, Bangor, BT20 5AZ.                                                                       |
| Salary:         | Starting at £31,346 (Negotiable)                                                                                |
| Hours:          | 35 hours per week, but open to flexible working arrangements.                                                   |
| Annual Leave:   | 35 days (pro rata) including statutory bank holidays.                                                           |
| Notice Period:  | The appointment is subject to a six-month probationary period - thereafter a 3-<br>month written notice period. |

## Main Purpose of Job:

To help support the work of Abaana, through finance and management.

## **General Purpose of the Role:**

- To take a lead role within the Abaana office and team and help ensure smooth operations.
- To help create, communicate, and implement the organisation's vision, mission, and overall direction. Lead, develop and implement the overall organisation's strategy.
- To help formulate and implement the strategic plan that guides the direction of the organisation.
- To complete finance duties including production of budgets, management and annual accounts, income and expenditure monitoring.
- To manage office staff and to ensure productivity.
- To help manage the U.K. fundraising strategy and calendar.

## Participation in the Spiritual Life of Abaana

- To attend weekly Staff Prayers and to lead and participate in staff devotionals.
- To be committed to Abaana's Missions, Values and Beliefs statement.
- To be committed to actively working and living in accordance with Abaana's evangelical Christian beliefs.



# **Duties & Responsibilities**

| FINANCE (Revenue, Funding and Admin) |                                                                                      |
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| MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS                  | Prepare monthly Management Accounts and finalise for CEO and Board                   |
| AUDIT PREP                           | Prepare audit file for external auditors                                             |
| WORK WITH FINANCE<br>COMMITTEE       | Prepare reports for finance meetings (and participate when required)                 |
| BUDGET PREP                          | Preparation of Abaana U.K. annual budget                                             |
| CHILD SPONSORSHIP<br>MONITORING      | Tracking Progress and KPI's for Child Sponsorship and forecasting income and expense |
| FULL CHOIR BUDGET                    | Prepare budget for Uganda and U.K.                                                   |
| NI BUDGET MONITORING                 | Monthly budget report                                                                |
| NI BUDGET MONITORING                 | Overseeing monthly reconciliations                                                   |

| FUNDING (Beneficiaries)  |                                                                  |  |
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| NI AND UGANDA AGREEMENTS | Preparation and review of grant agreements                       |  |
| UGANDA FINANCE SUPPORT   | Travel to Uganda periodically to help with finance admin between |  |
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| REMIT OF MONEY TO UGANDA | Preparation of transfer requests and booking transfer rates      |  |
| UGANDA BUDGET            | Review of Abaana Uganda budget submitted by Uganda               |  |
| UGANDA ACCOUNTS          | Review project spending in line with grants                      |  |
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| FUNDRAISING                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
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| FUNDRAISING Help develop corporate fundraising, including employee giving matched giving from employers and donations-in-kind |                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| FUNDRAISING                                                                                                                   | Helping as part of a team to create and organise a fundraising strategy and take part in fundraising initiatives as well as helping to organise exciting events and promotions |  |
| FUNDRAISING                                                                                                                   | Attend major events and take ownership of some 'key' events                                                                                                                    |  |
| PARTNERSHIPS                                                                                                                  | Actively pursue opportunities as delegated by CEO                                                                                                                              |  |
| FUNDRAISING Overseeing preparation of grant proposals/ liaising with grant proposal writing consultant                        |                                                                                                                                                                                |  |



| COMMUNICATION & MARKETING (Donor, Board, Volunteers) |                                                                                                                           |  |
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| BOARD MEETINGS                                       | Prepare board papers in advance, attend and minute board meetings                                                         |  |
| DATABASE MANAGEMENT                                  | Work with the CEO to ensure the database is properly and appropriately used as a tool for engaging with Abaana supporters |  |
|                                                      | Work with the CEO to ensure that the database is maintained                                                               |  |
| DATABASE & DONORS                                    | properly and do periodic checks on accuracy of data input                                                                 |  |
| MANAGING TALK<br>OPPORTUNITIES                       | Work with the CEO to develop strategy and ensure staff spend time acquiring new opportunities                             |  |
| TALK PERFORMANCE                                     | Work with the CEO to develop resources and help train staff so communication is effective                                 |  |
| NEWSLETTER AND PRINTING<br>PUBLICATIONS              | Work with the CEO to help plan the mailing strategy, help design and produce literature and brochures                     |  |
| PEOPLE (Internal)                                    |                                                                                                                           |  |
| LINE MANAGEMENT                                      | Managing staff (monthly meetings)                                                                                         |  |
| QUARTERLY REVIEW                                     | Preparation for and attendance at monthly staff meetings                                                                  |  |
| STAFF MEETINGS                                       | Organise (agenda, time etc.)                                                                                              |  |
| STAFF MANAGEMENT                                     | Manage leave, discipline, or general staff issues                                                                         |  |
| HEALTH AND SAFETY                                    | Oversee work on Health and Safety & Pat testing                                                                           |  |
| STAFF TRAINING                                       | Consulting staff for areas of training required, look for opportunities internally and externally and liaise with CEO     |  |
| ORGANISATIONAL PLANNING                              | Managing organisational resources through Gantt Charts                                                                    |  |
| PLANNING                                             | Weekly update/planning meeting with the CEO                                                                               |  |
| RECRUITMENT                                          | Managing any staff recruitment & induction needs                                                                          |  |
| PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT                               | Preparation and review of staff KPIs                                                                                      |  |
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| WAYS OF WORKING (Operations)                                                                                      |                                                                           |  |
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| POLICIES AND PROCEDURES NI                                                                                        | DLICIES AND PROCEDURES NI Preparation of policies and procedures with CEO |  |
| OFFICE ENVIRONMENT Ensure office is running well and all equipment and resources are working and managed properly |                                                                           |  |
| STRATEGIC                                                                                                         | Help formulate strategic and long-term business plans                     |  |
| OFFICE ENVIRONMENT                                                                                                | Develop and implement new administrative systems                          |  |
| OFFICE ENVIRONMENT                                                                                                | Maintain supplies of stationery and equipment                             |  |
| OFFICE ENVIRONMENT                                                                                                | Oversee / Management of Talks and Fundraising                             |  |

Any other reasonable and related tasks as directed by the CEO.



# **Essential & Desirable Criteria**

|                | ESSENTIAL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | DESIRABLE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Qualifications | <ul> <li>Qualified Accounting Technician or part-<br/>qualified accountant (at qualified accounting<br/>technician level or higher)</li> <li>Driving licence and access to a car for business<br/>purposes</li> </ul>                                    | <ul> <li>Education: Degree Hons. or Third<br/>Level Equivalent</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Experience     | <ul> <li>Experience in preparing and analysis of financial reports</li> <li>Experience in managing budgets</li> <li>Experience in using computers and software packages including MS Excel, and knowledge of current leading finance packages</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Proven track record of working with<br/>a charity or similar organisation</li> <li>Fundraising</li> <li>Running events</li> <li>Working in an office environment</li> <li>Working or volunteering with a<br/>charitable organisation</li> <li>Delivering customer service</li> <li>Experience of third world (in<br/>particular Africa)</li> <li>Experience of managing a team</li> <li>Knowledge of Omega/Salesforce<br/>CRM</li> </ul> |



## **Essential & Desirable Criteria**

|                       | ESSENTIAL (CONT)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | DESIRABLE (CONT)                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Skills/<br>Abilities  | <ul> <li>Excellent administrative skills and the ability to work to deadlines</li> <li>Ability to lead a team</li> <li>Excellent or superior communication skills (both oral and written)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                     | <ul> <li>Creativity for planning events</li> <li>Multimedia skills and the ability to create presentations and graphical reports</li> <li>Advanced IT skills/ICT qualification</li> </ul> |
|                       | <ul> <li>Competent in the use of Microsoft Word,<br/>Outlook, Excel, and PowerPoint</li> <li>Demonstrate an understanding of, and commitment<br/>to, the charity's aims</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                       | <ul> <li>Familiarity with social media<br/>platforms</li> </ul>                                                                                                                           |
| Personal<br>Qualities | <ul> <li>Ability to work on own initiative and have<br/>flexibility with regards to the role</li> <li>Ability to work as an enthusiastic team member<br/>and gain the confidence of colleagues, donors<br/>and the general public</li> <li>Committed Christian with a personal<br/>relationship with God and in regular church<br/>fellowship</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                           |

The above criteria may be enhanced to assist with shortlisting.

For an application form please phone 02891 451918 or email <u>neville@abaana.org</u>.

Applications close on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November** at 5pm.





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