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Senior Regional Financial Management Expert

Project Director | International Development Finance | Agricultural Value Chains
| Organizational Development

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Executive Profile

Senior Financial Management Specialist with over 12 years of progressively responsible international experience leading financial management, fiduciary oversight, donor compliance, organizational development and project implementation across West Africa.

Extensive experience managing complex multi-donor portfolios exceeding EUR 100 million financed by the European Union, BMZ, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, AGRA and SECO.

Recognized for strengthening financial governance, leading multicultural teams, negotiating financing arrangements, managing financial risks, supervising audits and building institutional capacities of governments, implementing partners and project teams.

Currently Project Director at GIZ and pursuing a PhD on mobilizing private investment for sustainable agricultural value chains in West Africa.

Core Competences & Achievement

- Led financial management and governance of multi-country development portfolios financed by the European Union, BMZ, the Gates Foundation and SECO, ensuring full compliance with donor and GIZ regulations.
- Strengthening fiduciary risk management and internal control systems, improving financial accountability, audit readiness and risk-based assurance across complex programmes.
- Directed strategic financial planning, budgeting, forecasting and cost controlling, enabling informed management decisions and effective resource allocation.
- Managed grant portfolios and complex financing agreements, including EU Contribution Agreements (PAGODA II), BMZ co-financing and blended finance mechanisms.
- Negotiated and monitored donor financing arrangements, ensuring compliance with contractual obligations and successful implementation of externally funded projects.
- Coordinated financial reporting and external audits, delivering high-quality financial information and maintaining clean audit outcomes.
- Conducted institutional and financial due diligence assessments, strengthening the financial capacity and governance of implementing partners.
- Provided strategic leadership for regional finance teams, coaching Finance Managers, strengthening organizational performance and building sustainable financial management capacities.
- Led organizational in Ghana change and digital transformation initiatives, supporting the successful transition to SAP S/4HANA and modern ERP-based financial management systems.
- Designed digital financial monitoring tools, including dashboards and business intelligence solutions that enhanced budget visibility, forecasting accuracy and management reporting.
- Built and maintained strong partnerships with donors, government institutions, implementing partners and private sector stakeholders to ensure efficient programme delivery.

Professional Experience (12 Years)

Project Director - ProCVA (BMZ & EU Co-financing Burkina Faso)
GIZ - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

2025 - Present

Portfolio: EUR 10,2 million

Responsible for the overall leadership of the project on behalf of GIZ, including strategic management, financial oversight and donor relations.

Selected achievements

- Direct overall project implementation and financial governance.
- Lead financial planning and strategic resource allocation.
- Represent GIZ in discussions with development partners and government institutions.
- Supervise multidisciplinary teams.
- Ensure fiduciary compliance throughout project implementation.

Senior Regional Finance Manager / Head of Finance

GIZ - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) - MOVE ECOWAS Project

2023 - 2025

Regional Programme covering ECOWAS and OACPS countries

Portfolio: EUR 78 million euros (European Union - Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation - SECO)

Key responsibilities

- Directed financial management of a complex regional portfolio covering several West African countries.
- Managed finance and administration across multiple country offices.
- Led more than 60 finance professionals including international and national staff in west Africa.
- Negotiated financial arrangements with international donors.
- Coordinated regional budgeting, financial planning and forecasting.
- Strengthened fiduciary controls and donor compliance.
- Led regional implementation of SAP S4 financial transformation.
- Developed monitoring dashboards and management reporting tools.
- Coordinated financial audits and implementation reviews.
- Advised senior management on financial risks and mitigation strategies.

Major achievements

- Successfully managed financial operations exceeding EUR 71 million.
- Built regional finance coordination mechanisms across multiple countries.
- Strengthening financial governance and reporting systems.
- Led organizational change during ERP transition.

Senior Finance Manager / Finance & Administration Coordinator

Regional W-Arly-Pendjari Programme (Benin, Burkina Faso & Niger)

2016 - 2023

Portfolio: EUR 32 million

Key achievements

- Led financial management of one of the largest regional biodiversity programmes in West Africa.
- Produced annual financial reports under PAGODA II and BMZ requirements.
- Coordinated external audits.
- Conducted financial management reviews.
- Strengthened internal control systems.
- Supported ministries and project teams on fiduciary compliance.
- Designed financial monitoring tools.
- Led capacity-building programmes for finance staff.

Government of Benin / Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries
Deputy Director General

Agency for Agricultural Diversification
2014

Responsibilities

- Strategic management
- Financial oversight
- Institutional development
- Coordination with Ministry of Agriculture

Selected International / Regional Assignments

Regional financial management and supervision missions conducted in:

Benin|Burkina Faso|Ghana|Niger|Côte d'Ivoire|Togo|Senegal|Nigeria|ECOWAS Commission

Education

Chartered Accountant Trainee

Ordre des Experts-Comptables de France

Professional pathway toward the French Chartered Accountant qualification.

From 2024 - PhD in Rural Socioeconomics (In Progress)

University of Abomey-Calavi

Research: Mobilizing Private Investment for Sustainable, Inclusive and Competitive Rice Value Chains in ECOWAS.

Benin

2016 - DEA (Master Research) in Rural Economics and Sociology

University of Abomey-Calavi

Benin

2014 – Master's degree in accounting and Auditing

National Institute of Economic and Accounting Techniques, Paris

INTEC Paris

France

2013 - Master's degree in accounting, Control and Audit

Higher School of Business and Business Administration (ESCAE), Niamey

Niger

2012 - Master's degree in finance management

National School of Business and Management (ENCG), Settat

Maroc

Professionnal Certifications

SAP S4|Internal Audit|EU, BMZ, BMGF, other donors Financial Management|Grant Management|Risk Management|Capacity Development|Digital Finance

LANGUAGES

French - Native / C2

English - Professional / C1

German - Professional Working Proficiency / B2

Arabic - Intermediate / B1

Dendi - Native

Professional Membership

- Chartered Accountant Trainee - Ordre des Experts-Comptables de France
- GIZ International Finance Community

- Member of the Laboratory of Rural Economics and Agricultural Farm Management (LERGEA)

REFERENCES

Available upon request



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