



# FINANCIAL SPECIALIST

Working with MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES will mean taking responsibility for transparent and accountable use of money. You will be recruiting and supervising national bookkeepers. You will also advise project leaders in financial matters, regulate and monitor payments to suppliers and staff and draft financial plans.

## Take the challenge – work with MSF

During your mission you will experience challenging working situations and living conditions that will connect you with the team and the local people. You will work with basic tools, share amenities with your colleagues, including computers, showers and refrigerators. Improvisational skills and independence will be essential, as will the ability to remain calm and capable of working constructively in a team even under strained circumstances. This is because you will be working on the ground with a small, international, multidisciplinary team and in close collaboration with your local colleagues. You will learn a lot: about the people in your project and about yourself.

## To become a financial specialist with MSF you will need ...

- a degree in finance management or business studies, or a qualification in accountancy/bookkeeping
- at least two years relevant work experience, preferably in financial management, controlling, auditing and finance consulting
- knowledge of financial administration (bookkeeping and reporting) and financial management (planning and controlling)
- significant experience travelling or working in a 'developing' country
- the ability to set priorities and take the initiative
- ideally, experience managing and training staff
- fluency in English; knowledge of French, Arabic and/or Russian an advantage
- 12 to 24 months availability



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*"For me, working as a financial specialist with MSF means having a wide range of interesting and absorbing tasks to do every day. Alongside the financial area, personnel management in the project takes up a lot of time: the ability to empathise and to strike the right note is important. Even though we aren't working directly with patients, the influence of our work shouldn't be underestimated. The success of a whole project depends on its financial staff. So you have a lot of responsibility and, at the same time, a great deal of personal freedom. This is a combination that appeals to me very much. And, last but not least, through doing this job I get to know people and places that I would not otherwise ever have come anywhere near."*

Andreas Brüchele, Burundi/Haiti/Ivory Coast

*"Shortly before my mission to Southern Sudan began, MSF had taken over responsibility for a sleeping sickness project from the World Health Organisation (WHO). The design and construction of the accommodation, the search for qualified staff, running training courses, and the reconstruction of the hospital and the existing health centres defined the first few weeks and months of the project. But it was also essential to establish contact with the local authorities and to gain the trust of the local people. The remoteness, absence of infrastructure and bureaucracy weren't just a challenge for the overall logistical operation; they also demanded huge amounts of flexibility and stamina from our team, as well as the willingness to do without."* Franz Luefs, Southern Sudan

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