Accounting for International Development

Accounting for International Development (AfID) is a multi-award winning social enterprise based in the United Kingdom that offers experienced finance professionals the opportunity to use their skills to make a genuine difference as volunteers and to gain rewarding hands-on international development experience.

Individually tailored assignments, ranging from two weeks to 12 months, form part of an on-going strategy to build the financial management capacity and long-term sustainability of charities and non-profit community organisations across the world.

AfID partners, which are a blend of international charities and grassroots community based organisations such as street child centres, hospitals, micro-finance organisations, conservation projects, women’s empowerment programmes and schools, are all doing amazing work to tackle extreme poverty and inequality in their communities but due to their limited resources are unable to access vital accounting and financial management training.

The main focus of all AfID assignments is to develop and enhance the skills, confidence and potential of local people, enabling the organisations to ultimately have the financial management capacity they need to deliver more effective and sustainable programmes to their many beneficiaries. Volunteers could be budgeting with a street child centre in Kampala, coaching a hospital bookkeeper in Kigali or financial reporting for a primary school in Kathmandu.

Over 400 volunteer accountants have now been placed across Africa, Asia and the Americas. AfID is always on the lookout for enthusiastic, talented accountants who want to give something back to the community.