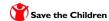


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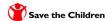
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Dear Sir

I have prepared an Internship Report on "General Accounting and Bank & Cash Management of Save the Children International (Bangladesh Country Office)" which I am submitting along with this letter. It was an energizing experience working under your supervision and preparing this report further enhanced my insight about how to prepare and write a report.

I am confident that this report will help you to understand the reason about my selection of the topic. I have tried my best to follow your guidelines in preparing this report. I have presented what I do believe to be most important information to make my report as specific & coherent as possible.

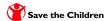
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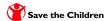
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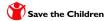
Executive Summary

Save the Children is one of the best welfare organizations for children around the world. It was founded by Eglantyne Jebb on 1919 in England. At present it operates its activities in 120 countries around the world. In Bangladesh it has started its activities since 1972. The mission of this organization is to provide maximum benefits to the underprivileged children of the world. In order to do so they operate different programs around the world, most of these programs are based in the world's poorest countries, where millions of children struggle to survive and thrive. Health, Population and Nutrition (HPN), Education, Field Operations and Disaster Management are their program focus point. Save the Children has worked through direct implementation and partnerships in many parts of the country, including Dhaka, Chittagong, Barisal, Khulna, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions. Save the children mainly collect its fund from the individual foundations, government and different corporations, and spends as much money as possible on programs which benefit children directly. To achieve the aim of Save the Children is the mission of finance department of the organization. They are committed to managing the funds in a fully accountable way. Effective administration does cost money, but they try to keep this cost as low as possible. Save the Children is working to align their financial processes, planning and reporting through the transition to one Save the Children where, instead of many member organizations delivering programs in a particular country, there is only one Save the Children organization - bringing significant cost efficiencies in-country as well as across the rest of the organization. This allows them to focus more on working for children.

SCI (Save the Children International) does all its financial activities through bank and cash management. So bank and cash management process is very important for running the financial activities efficiently as well as to achieve the goal of the organization. In SCI all bank & cash related activities are accomplished by the accounts & treasury section. SCI has its country office in Bangladesh to operate the regional activities, so after a certain period of time it has to top up its bank and cash balance according to the need determined by the budget & analysis department and operates its all necessary activities through bank and cash management by obliging the SCI fiance policy.

Besides as SCI is funded by different government, individual foundations and corporate organizations so to maintain the transparency of their expenditure on different program and activities is another important aspect of finance department. To maintain transparency in the





financial activities financial management system (FMS) section records the transactions by using coding attribute in an online spreadsheet (Agresso) for keeping record and generating report for various users. This section also reconciles the bank account and the SCI account on order to ensure the accuracy of the financial activities of the organization.

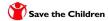




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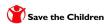
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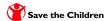
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The Organization





Introduction

Save the Children, is a globally active non-governmental organization which promotes children's rights, provides relief and helps support children in developing countries. In order to improve the lives of children through better education, health care, and economic opportunities, as well as providing emergency aid in natural disasters, war, and other conflicts it was established in the United Kingdom.

In addition to the UK organization, there are 28 other national Save the Children organizations who are members of Save the Children International, a global network of nonprofit organizations supporting local partners in over 120 countries around the world.

In order to gain more rights for young people Save the Children promotes policy changes, particularly by enforcing the UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child. Alliance members organize emergency-relief efforts, helping to protect children from the effects of war and violence.

History

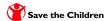
The Save the Children Fund was founded in London, England, on April 15, 1919 by Eglantyne Jebb and her sister Dorothy Buxton as an effort to alleviate starvation of children in Germany and Austria-Hungary during the Allied blockade of Germany in World War I.

The Fight the Famine Council was initially started earlier in 1919 in order to put political pressure on the British government to end the blockade. However, on April 15, 1919, the sisters succeeded in separating itself from the politics of the Council and creating a separate "Save the Children Fund".

In May 1919, the Fund was publicly established at a meeting in London's Royal Albert Hall in order to "provide relief to children suffering the effects of war" and raise money for emergency aid to children suffering from the wartime shortages of food and supplies.

In December 1919, Pope Benedict XV publicly announced his support for Save the Children, and declared December 28 'Innocents Day' in order to collect donations.





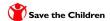
The first branch was opened in Fife, Scotland in 1919. A counterpart, Rädda Barnen (which means "Save the Children"), was founded later that year in Sweden, and together with a number of other organizations, they founded the International Save the Children Union in Geneva on January 6, 1920. Jebb built up excellent relationships with other Geneva-based organizations, including the Red Cross who supported Save's International foundation.

Jebb used many new ground-breaking fund-raising techniques, making Save the Children the first charity in the United Kingdom to use page-length advertisements in newspapers. Jebb contracted doctors, lawyers and other professionals in order to devise mass advertisement campaigns. In 1920, Save the Children started individual child sponsorship as a way to engage more donors. By the end of the year, Save the Children raised the equivalent to about £8,000,000 in today's money.

In Bangladesh, Save the Children started its activities in1972. Today, in more than 120 countries, Save the Children is transforming children's lives by providing families and communities with the tools they need to break the cycle of poverty. While their programs are diverse, their mission is singular – to create lasting, positive change in the lives of children in need around the world. Save the Children sees its role as that of a catalyst in community evolution. They favor a multi-disciplinary approach, acknowledging that the problems we address — poverty, illiteracy, poor health — are complex and interrelated. Innovation and experience have been the keys to Save the Children's success.

In partnership with individuals, foundations, corporations, governments, national and international agencies, their programs focus on results and proven solutions.





Activities

Save the Children has been working in Bangladesh since 1972 to implement integrated community development programs. Health, Population and Nutrition (HPN), Education, Field Operations and Disaster Management are their program focus point. Save the Children has worked through direct implementation and partnerships in many parts of the country, including Dhaka, Chittagong, Barisal, Khulna, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions. Through the various programs the Bangladesh Field Office ensure benefits to 20 million Bangladeshis with a special focus to poor and disadvantage population.

The core programs in which Bangladesh Country Office of Save the Children International (SCI) concentrates are Early Childhood Education, Primary Education, School Health Nutrition, Neonatal Health and Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health. At present SCI have ten sub offices out of Dhaka, in Khulna, Bandarban, Habigong, Barisal, Sylhet, Meherpur, Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Patuakhali and Barguna.

Programs in Bangladesh

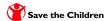
Education Programs

The Education sector includes two core programs: Early Childhood Development and Primary Education. The goal of the education sector is to ensure the rights of children by enabling their parents, as well as community members to meet their basic learning needs including knowledge, skills and attitudes for better living in their own environment.

Early Childhood Development: The Early Childhood Development program includes Home Based Early Learning Opportunity Centers (HBELO) and Home Based Preschools (HBPS) in Nasirnagar. In these home based centers, children are involved in indoor-outdoor play, rhymes, songs and storytelling sessions. Parents and caregivers are offered ECD related training to increase their knowledge and confidence on child rearing.

Primary Education: The Primary Education program includes both in and out of school children in the range of 6-15 years for more accessibility to and availability of primary education opportunities. The out of school children in the same age range along with some





adolescents are involved in the child-centered program Child-to-Child (CtC). The CtC program uses the 6-step approach to build their own capacity to identify problems and issues, plan intervention, implement and evaluate them. "Lokokendra" have been established to organize social awareness campaign. These are basically community learning and resource centers where children come to read books and learn developmental skills.

Health Programs

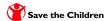
Health, Population and Nutrition Program: The overall goal of the Health, Population and Nutrition programming is to bring about sustainable improvements in the health status of individuals, families and communities, with special attention given to women and children, particularly the disadvantaged.

School Health and Nutrition Program: The goal of the School Health and Nutrition program focuses on school going children is to improve their health and nutrition status. The key activities include provision of health services including de-worming, Vitamin A and iron supplementation and first aid kits are provided to school-going children. Health Education on sanitation, hygienic behavior, nutrition and reproductive health issues are provided to school children. To create a safe and healthy learning environment and a supportive learning atmosphere, arsenic free water and proper latrines are provided. School Management Committee and Parent Teachers Associations are mobilized to maintain the general health and hygiene of the students.

Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health program: The Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health program, also known as "KAISHAR" (Knowledge and Attitude Improvement of Sexual Health for Adolescents' Responsibility) targets adolescents of 10-19 years to improve their reproductive and sexual health. The key activities under the KAISHAR program are peer education, development of tool box, life skill training in school, training for service providers, provision of ARSH health services and establishment of information outlets and workshops for gatekeepers.

Nutrition and Child Development Program (NCDP): Nutrition and Child Development Program (NCDP) addresses nutrition problems for children below three years. The NCDP uses





the positive deviance approach under which a mother practicing good nutrition and hygienic behavior is used as a model for other mothers to follow.

SCI is working in partnership with Government on Expanded Program of Immunization (EPI) and National Immunization Day (NID) to improve the routine immunization coverage. This program focuses on children who are not vaccinated and in hard to reach areas. In addition, the adolescents of KAISHAR program will utilize the Tetanus Toxoid (TT) and reproductive health services through the Government facilities.

The Saving Newborn Lives (SNL): The Saving Newborn Lives (SNL) initiative in Bangladesh funded by Gates Foundation is working to strengthen and expand Essential Newborn Care (ENC) in the country since 2000. The initial focus is on provision of ENC for all newborns. BFO is implementing cost-effective, sustainable essential newborn care package at community and household level through partnership with the government and several leading NGOs (CARE, BRAC, BPHC and ICDDRB).

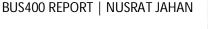
HIV/AIDS Programs

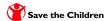
The BFO has been working on **HIV/AIDS** since 1995 and implements a preventive strategy in the rural areas, which promotes safer sex behavior to reduce vulnerability of adolescents as the primary target with an additional focus on HIV/AIDS/STD awareness across all programs. SC-USA has also building capacity of its own staff members on HIV/AIDS related issues in Bangladesh.

Field Operations and Disaster Management

Disaster Management Program Section: The Disaster Management Program Section focuses on children and women to ensure that specific child and gender issues are highlighted and given due attention during emergencies. Save the Children US is leading the Save the Children Alliance to ensure support in all kinds of emergencies and disaster in Bangladesh. Save the Children US emphasizes rapid response to emergencies in order to save children's lives and protect their well-being.

Over the years, Save the Children International in Bangladesh has positioned itself as a national player through its development programs to participate in national strategic responses to

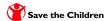




emerging threats, such as arsenic and HIV/AIDS. Save the Children International believes both collaboration and partnerships are necessary for achieving scale and impact and has focused attention on contributing to national, regional, and local level form. SCI also has an excellent collaborative partnership with MOHFW, MOE and MOA. Save the Children is a member of various Networks of Bangladesh.

The Bangladesh Country Office made significant progress in improving the quality and innovation in its programs in the recent years. There have been new initiatives to provide the office a strong base with a new look -- more impressive to the external audience, searching for new strategic opportunities and ensuring quality program activities.





Mission and Vision for the Future

Ninety years ago Eglantyne Jebb, started a worldwide movement. She was driven by the belief that all children - whoever they are, wherever they are - have the right to a healthy, happy & fulfilling life. And the belief that changes is within reach, if courage, determination, imagination and good organization are there. Save the Children's experience in changing children's lives for the better in the past decades is the foundation for what they do today and tomorrow to build a better future for children.

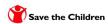
Mission of Save the Children

The mission statement of Save the Children is "To inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children, and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives."

Vision of Save the Children

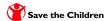
The vision statement of Save the Children is "A world in which every child attains the right of survival, protection, development and participation."





Job Description





Description of the Job

Reviewing and checking the financial data in FMS: Reviewing and checking the financial data of transaction of different sub office as well as the main office and entry them in the offline spread sheet or online spread sheet (Agrosso) is one of the important responsibly of FMS department. In order to maintain a sound recording of data it is very important to recheck the entries before upload them in the Agrosso (Accounting software used in SCI).

Generating reports for various users: SCI is a donor based organization so it has to prepare report to show the financial updates. FMS generate report for various users for example Grants, Sub-grants, Budgeting, different donor etc. They also support the report preparation for monthly finance meetings and Preparing management reports as per the schedule

Support the month end process: By entry transaction in the online software and reconcile the bank account & SCI account support the month end process of Finance Management.

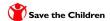
Receiving bill: Receiving bill and fund request from the vendors and staffs.

Preparation of voucher: For every bill payment preparation of voucher is must. Have to prepare voucher with proper coding.

Bill Voucher Checking: After receiving the bill it have to be checked, because without proper checking of bill voucher can cause overpayment or under payment to the payees.

Vat & Tax calculation and deduction: For every bill vat & tax should be calculate according to the vat tax policy and government. Vat & tax should be calculated properly and deducted from the bill payment.





Specific Responsibilities of the Job

As per the academic rule I must have to do three months internship. I did my internship in Save the Children International. It is situated in the House No.CWN (A) 35, Road No. 43, Gulshan-2 Dhaka. The internship period started on 1st of February, 2012 and ended on 30th April, 2012. During this internship period I used to work in the Finance Department of Save the Children International. I had some responsibilities related to Financial Management. Though I was assigned for FMS department I have worked in the accounts & treasury and budgeting department also. The specific responsibilities of mine during this internship period are given below:

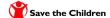
Reviewing and checking the vouchers:

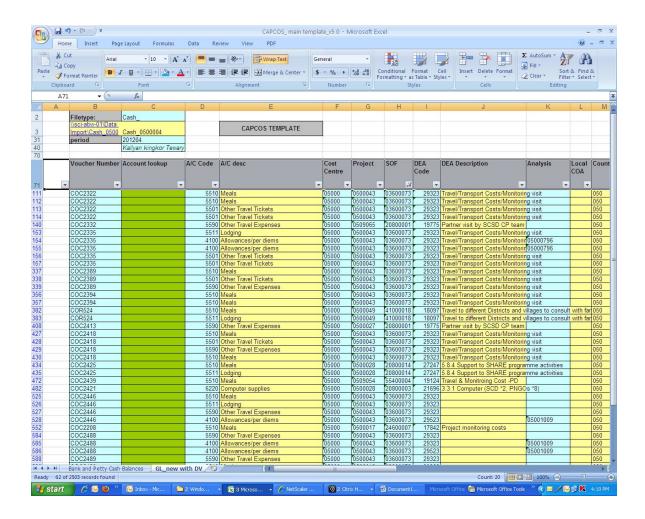
Reviewing and checking of bill voucher according to the requirement of money is very important. Checking the vat/tax deduction in the voucher is also necessary to ensure the proper transaction. As an intern I checked bill vouchers to ensure proper transaction.

Entry transactions in the template:

To keep the proper record every month transactions are entered into the offline spread sheet than after checking, it has to upload in to the online spread sheet or Agresso. I have entered the transactions into the offline spread sheet. Every transaction has got specific voucher number, account code, project number, cost centre, analysis number and DEA code. So in order record the transaction every transaction has to entry twice in the template as debit and credit.







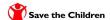
Prepare journal voucher and entry journal voucher:

In order to reconcile the Bank and SCI's account balance reconcilation journal vouchers and journal entries against the transaction which are creating difference between the bank and accounts balance is necessary. In the month closing process I have made journal vouchers and entry reconciliation journal.

Assisted to prepare the monthly report:

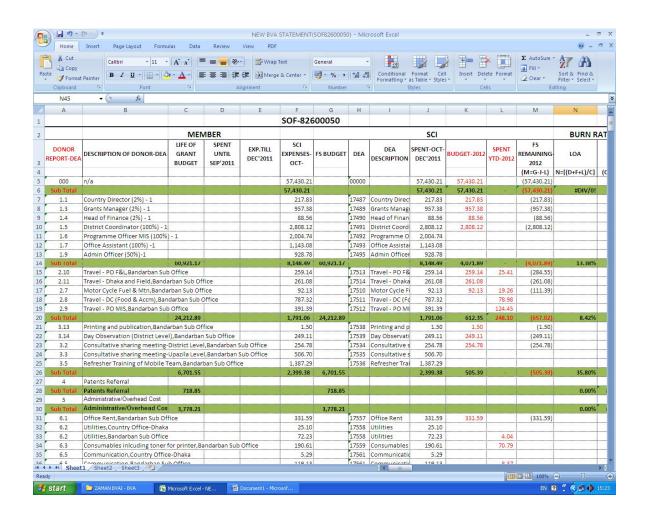
Financial Management System is responsible for preparing a report on the monthly expenditure of SCI. They have to record all the data, reconcile the record of bank account and SCI's account balance. I have assisted the FMS to prepare report by posting transaction as well as preparing journal for reconcileting the bank and cash balance.





Budget VS Actual Expense Analysis:

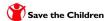
Budget and Analysis department has to make a yearly "Budget vs. Actual Analysis" report for different users. As an intern I have worked in that department and help to make the report. In this report according to the source of fund (SOF) every project/program budget and actual expenditure is compared. It is very important to maintain the donor transparency and control over the expenditure.



Documentation:

SCI has a policy of keeping the record of transaction up to 5 years after transaction. It is also very important for future audit purpose. In order to do that vouchers has to file according to their serial numbers. Last three months I had to file all the vouchers.



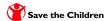


Critical Observation

After completing the internship at Save the Children International and observing all the core activities of FMS (Financial Management System) of Finance department of SCI, it is a wonderful opportunity for the fresh graduate to have a practical experience. The work environment was very friendly. All the employees and colleges were very helpful. It was really a pleasure for me to work with them. But as an employee of SCI I have observed certain facts which can be considered as problems or criticisms. The issues where SCI faces problem are as follows:

- Lack of Human Resource: In the whole Finance Management team there are only 12 employees including the finance management director and managers of FMS, Accounts & Treasury and Analysis & Budgeting sections. According to my observation the human resource available is fewer in the proportion of work volume.
- Work pressure: As the work force is not enough so there is more work pressure on the individual employee of the sections which increases the possibility of mistakes. Though working in the finance department required more attention if there is more work pressure than the man power it increases the possibility of mistakes.
- Lack of Training Program: In order to render a quality service to the organization every employee needs to be up to date about the policy and other changes of the organization. World is changing and to keep pace with the world the policy and different activities of the organization is also changing. To increase the employee's knowledge and capability training program is very important, but SCI are not organizing as much training as the employees required.
- Job Security: SCI has a policy that they can change their organ gram anytime if the management thinks that will increase the productivity. So it is seen that there is always an anxiety exist among the employees about their job which can affect their productivity.



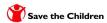


Recommendations

From the critical observation of Save the Children International as an employee, some problems have been identified. For each problem some recommendations are suggested. Those recommendations are given below:

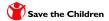
- Increase Qualified Human Resource: On order to ensure work quality and accuracy
 the number of qualified employees should be increased.
- Increase Training: To increase the capability, to increase the accuracy and to keep up to date about the new policies and procedure as an international organization employee training programs should be arranged frequently.
- **Increase Job Security:** To ensure the productivity among the employees SCI should increase the job security of their employees.





Project





Description of the Project

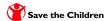
Summary

At the end of BBA program students must have to accomplish an integrated course called internship that is relevant to academic purpose. The main objective of internship is to have practical experience of professional job relative to the student's major or minor concentrated area. During this internship period students have to work for any organization. It's like fulltime job. While working with organization students are given the opportunity to learn something about a particular department as well as make a contribution to the company by performing needed tasks. Often internees are paid for the time they work, in some instances, they are not. I did my internship in a leading international welfare organization "Save the Children". I started my internship on 1st February, 2012 and on finished the internship period on 30th of April, 2012. It was fulltime internship. I had to work from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The office was situated in House No.CWN (A) 35, Road No. 43, Gulshan-2, Dhaka. As an intern I worked in the Financial Management Department. Financial management department is consisted of financial management system (FMS), accounts & treasury and analysis & budgeting department. Though as an intern I was assigned in the FMS department I worked in other two department of Financial Management.

SCI is a donor based leading welfare organization of the world. The mission of the finance department is to support the mission of SCI in order to do that finance department always try to minimize the expense of SCI by properly manage the financial activities of the organization. SCI does all its financial activities through bank and there are certain activities for which they have to go for cash management. So bank and cash management process is very important for running the financial activities efficiently as well as to achieve the goal of the organization. In SCI all bank & cash related activities are accomplished by the accounts & treasury section.

Besides as SCI is financed by government, different individual foundations and corporate organizations so to maintain the transparency of their expenditure on different program and activities is another main objective of finance department. To maintain transparency in the financial activities financial management system (FMS) section uses an online spreadsheet (Agresso) for the recording of the expenditure and support the grants section to generate donor





report. This section also reconciles the bank account and the SCI account on order to ensure the accuracy of the financial activities of the organization.

In my internship period I have worked in the Financial Management Department, where I observed and took part in these activities.

Objective

Objective of this report includes two types of objectives. They are broad objective and specific objectives. A broad objective and some specific objectives are included in this report. They are:

✓ **Broad Objective**

To describe the information gathered from practical experience of working in an international NGO's Finance Department.

✓ **Specific Objectives**

The specific objectives of this report are given below:

- To have a practical idea about financial activities and management of an international NGO.
- To relate the practical knowledge with theoretical knowledge.
- To work in an accounting software "Agresso".
- To discuss about the Bank & Cash management procedure.
- To discuss about the General accounting and record keeping process of financial transaction of SCI.
- To find out problems faced for conducting the procedure.

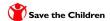
Methodology

Methodology describes the manner in which data is collected, analyzed and interpreted. The data that will present in this research paper would collect from primary and secondary data source. The sources are mentioned below:

• Primary Data Source

Primary data are those data which is originated by the author for the specific purpose of describing or analyzing something. In this report the primary data source would be raw data





gathering from own observation. The primary data source that will be used in this report is data obtained through practical involvement with job responsibilities.

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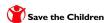
- ✓ Interview with the Manager of FMS.
- ✓ Interview with the Payables Officer.

Limitations

For preparing this report some difficulties have been faced. These difficulties can be considered as limitations. The limitations are as following:

- **Time Limitation:** Due to time limitations many aspect may not be discussed properly in the report.
- Unwillingness to Reveal Confidential Data: The authority provided restriction to use some confidential organizational data. So confidentiality of data is another important barrier that had been faced during preparing the report.
- Unavailability of Respective Persons: Some secondary data have been collected from
 the managers and officials of the respective fields. They were busy with work or might
 be outside Dhaka city for official purpose. Therefore, it was difficult to collect
 information from them.
- Stress Factors: Preparing this report required lots of work. After doing fulltime office, it was tough to do the report. So work pressure posed stress. This would hinder the speed of working. So stress factor is one of the limitations.





Chapter 1 Finance Overview



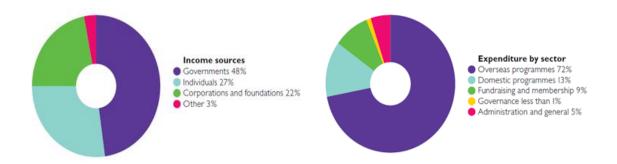
Save the Children receives income from a wide variety of sources including individuals, foundations, governments and companies. These valuable contributions make it possible for them to secure improvements for children all over the world. They have a clear responsibility to the world's children, and to all of their supporters, to make the best possible use of these resources.

To improve their cost-effectiveness, Save the Children International works together with partner organizations where feasible. SCI spend as much money as possible on programs which benefit children directly. Most of these programs are based in the world's poorest countries, where millions of children struggle to survive and thrive.

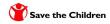
Save the Children national organizations also operate domestic programs to meet the particular needs of children in their own country.

They are committed to managing the funds in a fully accountable way. Effective administration does cost money, but they try to keep this cost as low as possible. Save the Children is working to align their financial processes, planning and reporting through the transition to one Save the Children where, instead of many member organizations delivering programs in a particular country, there is only one Save the Children organization – bringing significant cost efficiencies in-country as well as across the rest of the organization. This allows them to focus more on working for children.

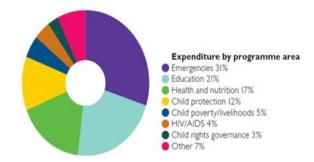
These are the recent picture of SCI, which are showing the income sources, expenditure by sector, expenditure by region and expenditure by program area.

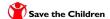










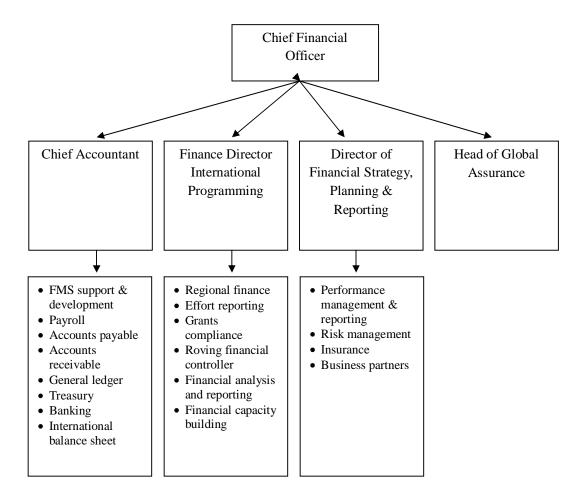


1.1 Structure of Regional and Central Finance Departments

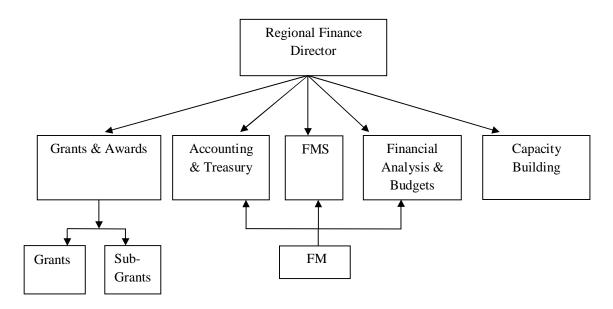
The Save the Children International finance function is headed by the Chief Financial Officer who has overall responsibility for the organization's financial activities. Based in London, the CFO is supported by the Finance Director International Programming, the Chief Accountant, the Director of Financial Strategy, Planning and Reporting, and the Head of Global Assurance.

The Finance Director International Programming works through the regional finance directors who are responsible for the support and oversight of the country office financial activities.

Structure of Central Finance



1.2 Structure and Description of Regional Finance

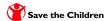


Based on the nature of responsibility and work Country office finance department can divide into four parts. A short description of those is given bellow:

Grants & Awards: Save the Children International (SCI) is a donor based welfare organization. So maintain a good relation with donor by providing necessary and clear financial information of expenditure and report is very important. On the other hand SCI works with different national and international organizations to accomplish its activities properly. The partner organizations with which they achieve their activities are called Sub-grants. Grants are those projects in which donor are donate directly. Grants & Awards division has these two part Grants & Sub-grants.

Grants division is responsible for grants management, grants development and donor compliance of the Global funded HIV/AIDS project including ensuring grant is developed and managed in line with SCI and donor Grants policies, support in preparing/overseeing cost proposals, overseeing amendments or modification to donor contract or budget, supervising tracking of all communication with donors, monitoring grant budget, record keeping and updating all grant related documentation, and preparing reports as per Global Fund requirements.





Sub Grants is mainly responsible for partners' contracting and partners' financial monitoring of Bangladesh Country office program Partners including formulation of procedures in line with global policy, ensuring preparation of partner contracts and amendments, preparation of partners budgets and phasing of budgets, accounting and tracking of partner payments, preparation of partner disbursements and supporting payables unit in estimating the fund requirement for partners. This will ensure financial monitoring of partners at field level, desk review of Partners financial reports, coordination with other finance units and budget holders on partner related issues, preparation of partner performance reports for internal decision making and ensure review of monitoring reports of partners.

At present SCI has 68 Grants. A list of Grants, donor of those grants, partner NGO's of those Grants (Sub-grants) and location are given in the Appendix.

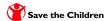
Financial Management Department consists with three sections. They are FMS (financial management system), Accounts & Treasury and Financial Analysis & Budgets

Financial Management System: FMS is responsible for FMS management (Agresso) and accounting and internal reporting of the Country Office including maintaining Fund Management System (FMS) master data. It ensures the review and checking of data, set codes, maintain the finance calendar as per HQ guidelines, and complete the procedures regarding the month end process. FMS prepare management reports as per schedule and also support the Grants section with required information for donor reporting, maintain compliance with local laws, legislations and procedures, and prepare monthly control checklist.

Accounts & Treasury: The major responsibilities of Accounts & Treasury include documentation and cash management of the Country Office as well as ensuring all payment processing in time and approving to process payments, overseeing the maintenance of cash flow in line with center guidelines, responsible for the transfer of funds from center and to sub offices, responsible to monitor and control For ex gain/loss. It also ensures all record keeping of all documents related to payments, responsible for keeping bank account related documents and maintaining liaison with bank/bank personnel.

Financial Analysis & Budgets: This department is responsible for budgeting, budget monitoring and Government reporting of the Country Office including preparation of master

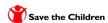




budget for the country program, ensuring update information on budget availability for all grants, preparation of required NGOAB budget and reports, monthly budget monitoring, maintaining and complying the Scheme of Delegation chart, building capacity on budget preparation and budget monitoring especially for budget holders.

Capacity Building & Support: Responsible for pre-award assessment of partner's capacity, sharing findings to respective senior managers, documenting, analyzing gaps with cost effective plan to address those gaps, coordinating with Sub Grants Monitoring team, coordinating with Partners and staff as needed, designing and developing training manuals/materials, delivering trainings as per plan, providing technical support and ensuring follow ups.





Chapter 2

Bank and cash management



Save the Children operate its all transaction through both Bank and Cash transactions. To operate all the activities every country office of Save the Children International has to top up the bank and cash balance.

After observing the entire financial need regional finance director request for the bank and cash balance. Each country office should agree with the regional finance director maximum and minimum balances of bank and cash. These should be sent to treasury at the centre for approval.

These balances are the amounts above and below which the total amount of cash in hand and at bank should not move. Between the maximum and minimum levels should be set for amounts held in the safe, rather than at the bank.

The amount and the reasoning for choosing these amounts should be documented and kept on file, along with the approval of treasury.

The aim is to minimise the cash held in country, while ensuring there is sufficient for operational and security purposes. There are a number of reasons for wanting to keep low balances in country:

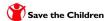
- SCI (Save the Children International) does not receive all its funding at the start of the year, so only has a limited amount of cash at any one time for use in programs
- keeping cash at the centre until needed maximizes SCI flexibility to respond to any urgent need
- foreign currency (i.e. non-USD) balances held in country offices at the month-end are subject to revaluation and therefore potential foreign exchange losses
- high balances can be a security risk for staff (although balances that are too low can also be a security risk)
- Keeping high balances in-country exposes SCI to the risk of loss should there be instability in that country.

The amounts will vary by country office, and are affected by factors such as the speed at which cash can be transferred into the country, the security level of the country, the nature of the programme (emergency v development) etc.

The maximum level is likely to be the minimum plus one month's average in-country payments. If higher balances are required for a declared or non-declared emergency this can be authorised by the regional finance director (with onward notification to treasury).

The country director should agree maximum and minimum levels for each sub-office and this should be documented.





2.1 Bank

Save the Children International (SCI) performs its most of the transactions by bank. All vendor payments as well as the fund request above BDT 10,000 of the staffs are operated by bank. At present Standard Chartered Bank is the treasury approved bank of SCI.

2.1.1 Bank accounts

There should not be separate bank accounts for each grant. The number of bank accounts must be minimized to reduce risk. The accounts should be opened in the name of Save the Children International. If there is a legal or regulatory reason to hold the accounts in a different name, authorization must be received in advance from the regional finance director and the treasurer at the centre. Bank accounts should be in the currency in which the country office will undertake expenditure transactions.

The country finance team performs an annual review of bank accounts as part of the year-end process to ensure that:

- all accounts are still needed
- All institutions that SCI banks with are still financially stable/ reputable and are consistent with guidance from treasury.

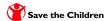
Any accounts identified as being no longer needed should be promptly closed.

Where banks used are not the treasury-approved bank, it is best practice to review banking arrangements at least every 5 years through competitive tender. This will ensure they reflect best practice and represent best value for money. The details and results should be notified to central treasury.

2.1.2 Bank payments

Payments should only be signed when accompanied by auditable documentation and relevant authorization in line with the scheme of delegation. The list of authorized signatories should be reviewed by the country director on a monthly basis to ensure it is up-to-date and appropriate. All payments (cheque, cash withdrawal or transfer) require two signatures and must be accompanied by auditable documentation





2.1.3 Cheques

Appropriate controls need to be in place around physical cheques. If the fund request is more than 10000 Tk. then only cheques has been issued

2.1.4 Bank transfers

Where the country office has to issue a letter to instruct the bank to transfer funds or make payments, all such transactions must be carried out on a pre-printed and pre-numbered form. This form will need to be produced locally to ensure it meets local bank requirements regarding content. The stock of these forms should be under the control of someone who is not an authorised signatory.

2.1.5 Bank statements

Country offices must make every effort to obtain bank statements on a timely basis and once a month as a minimum. Month-end bank statements should be kept on file as part of the accounting records.

2.1.6 Bank reconciliations

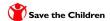
All bank accounts and transactions affecting the accounts must be recorded in the finance system.

The bank statement balance must be reconciled with the balance in the finance system monthly and action taken to resolve differences promptly. The person performing the reconciliation must not be a signatory on the account.

Bank reconciliation compares the balance at the bank, as shown on the bank statement, with the balance at the bank as recorded in SCI records at the same date. It is often the case that the two balances are not the same, and differences could be for a number of reasons:

- Outstanding cheques SCI has paid a supplier by cheque and reduced the bank balance
 accordingly. However the supplier has not yet taken the cheque to the bank or it has
 not yet cleared the bank, so the money is still included in the bank statement balance
- outstanding deposits SCI has paid funds into the bank but they have not yet cleared and so are not included in the bank statement balance
- payments from the bank that the SCI office did not know about e.g. bank charges
- bank mistakes
- SCI mistakes in entering information.





It is essential to identify and resolve these differences for every single bank statement i.e. the bank reconciliation process.

Offices with access to Agresso should do online bank reconciliations as follows:

- 1. ensure all bank payments for the month have been posted through the system
- 2. obtain the bank statement as at the month-end
- 3. reconcile the balance on the system to the balance on the bank statement, using the bank reconciliation process in Agresso (see Agresso manual)

For offices using cash and petty cash offline spreadsheet (CAPCOS) bank reconciliations should be completed using the bank reconciliation template as follows:

- 1. check that any reconciling items from last month have cleared (e.g. if there was a payment that had not cleared the bank, check that it cleared this month and so is included in this month's bank statement)
- 2. compare the transactions on the bank statement to the bank transactions recorded in CAPCOS tick off those that match
- 3. any items left in either CAPCOS or the bank statement will be reconciling items for the bank reconciliation
- 4. complete the manual reconciliation template

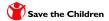
A copy of the bank statement should be attached to the payment voucher as supporting documentation, and approval is required as per the scheme of delegation. This should occur before finalizing the month-end accounts.

All reconciling items (such as outstanding cheques or deposits) appearing on the reconciliation for more than 1 month must be investigated and the reason for delay in their clearance must be stated on the reconciliation.

Any un-reconciled differences must be investigated immediately. If they cannot be resolved they must be brought to the attention of the country director and the regional finance director. The difference should be posted to the suspense account while it is investigated. This will avoid misrepresenting the bank balance. This posting needs the authorization of the country director.

The bank reconciliation should be reviewed and authorized as part of the month-end process. The person who prepared the reconciliation and the authorizer should sign the reconciliation. This should be filed along with the bank statement and supporting documentation in relation to





reconciling items.

2.1.7 Bank file

The finance team in each country should maintain a documentation file for each bank account. The file should include all agreements and account related correspondence, excluding regular transactions, with the bank (transaction information and bank statements should be maintained separately in the accounting files)

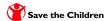
The following standard information should be found in the file:

- approval to open account
- bank agreement
- date account was opened
- authorized signatory list
- fee schedule (original and updates)
- all correspondence and authorizations related to changes in signatories
- For closed accounts, date closed and a copy of the bank confirmation of closing.

2.1.8 Electronic banking

Electronic banking has specific risks. Country offices must agree their use of electronic banking with the centre on a case-by-case basis.





2.2 Cash

There is certain fund requests for which SCI has to keep cash holding. In order to minimize the risk and to hold proper control over the treasury according to the policy of SCI the number of cash transactions and amount of cash on hand should be minimized. Cash holdings are approved for offices which rely on cash payments to suppliers and for program advances for projects. These should have a designated cash account code in Agresso. Bank transfer or cheques are used in place of cash whenever possible.

There are certain key points which have to keep in mind for cash holding:

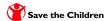
- Cash balances must be counted and reconciled to the finance system on at least a weekly basis, as well as on the last working day of the financial period.
- Cash withdrawals should be made by a minimum of two staff members. They should travel by vehicle to and from the bank to and once the cash has been withdrawn they should return directly to the office.
- The days and times of cash withdrawals should be varied, to reduce the likelihood of being targeted by thieves. As far as possible the fact that staff members are undertaking a trip to the bank to withdraw cash should not be made public knowledge in the office.
- If available at a cost-effective rate, cash should be insured 'in transit'.
- A cash hand-carrying limit should be set. This needs to be approved by the country director, in consultation with the regional finance director, and documented in writing.
 If cash-in-transit is insured, the hand-carrying limit should be set so that this does not exceed that set by the insurer.

2.2.1 Importance of sound cash management practices

It is critical to the efficient operation of country offices that they have access to the level of cash needed to fund normal operations, however excess cash balances leave SCI exposed to a number of risks, including theft/loss.

Good cash management requires planning and budgeting skills - the ability to accurately forecast needs and maintain appropriate levels of funds on hand. In addition, adequate controls must be in place to minimize the risk of funds being lost or stolen.





2.2.2 Cash in emergencies

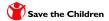
Higher levels of cash-holding can be justified in emergency situations where rapid access to cash may be difficult. New limits for maximum safe-holdings, programme advance amounts and cash hand-carrying, as well as mitigating control procedures will be included in the emergency preparedness plan. In the event of an emergency, the country finance director and the country director will reissue the limits and finance control procedures within one week to ensure that cash is appropriately managed and controlled during the high-risk emergency response.

High cash holdings also increase the likelihood and impact of a security incident, so emergency limits need to be well through and documented with the advice of the regional finance director.

In the event of an emergency it may be necessary to transfer cash to areas of the country where SCI does not currently operate. If operations will continue in this area the country office should look to set up a bank account in this area as soon as possible. Until this time cash should be transferred using one of the methods below:

- set up agreements with banks whereby recognized individuals can pick up transfers specifically sent for their attention - "pay on application and identification", and can take a couple of days to set up
- use a specialist agent (e.g. Western Union), who charge a commission
- use travelers cheques if accepted by local banks
- ask staff to hand carry a cash advance (by car, plane, helicopter) from country head office or the nearest SCI office with a bank account





2.2.4 Procedures

Cash Account Opening

Identify a requirement
 Identify why the cash holding is needed, how it will be used.

2. Seek authorisation to proceed

Seek approval from the country director and country finance director. A cash holding opening request form should be completed, which should contain the following information:

- reason for the cash holding request
- currency to be used
- the maximum and minimum level of cash holding
- All individuals who will have access to safe.
- 3. Establish safe location and keys
- 4. Set up in Agresso. The accounting entry to establish a cash account is to debit the cash-in-hand account (1050) and credit the bank account (1000) from which the funds were transferred.

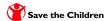
Receipt of funds into cash

When funds are received into cash, the transaction is to be recorded on a three-part cash receipt voucher with the following information:

- date of receipt
- name of individual or organization from whom the funds were received
- · amount received
- reason the funds were received
- complete budget code to be credited
- Signatures of the person paying and receiving the cash.

The cash received should be counted by the cashier in the presence of the person paying the money before the receipt voucher is signed. The top copy of the voucher is filed as





documentation of the receipt, the second copy is given to the person who paid the money and the third copy is retained in the receipt book as a record.

Cash received from any person/external organization should only ever be received by the finance department.

2.2.5 Cash reconciliation

Cash reconciliation is the procedure of checking that the amount of physical cash in the safe agrees to the value recorded in the accounts. The total of all cash in the cashbox and safe (plus the value of all outstanding programme advances where off-system programme advance control has been authorised) must equal the value of the account on the finance system.

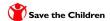
Cash counts must be reviewed and authorized by a member of staff who is not involved with the issuing or recording of cash, so that segregation of duties is maintained.

If the cash balance does not reconcile to the value recorded in the accounts then the difference needs to be investigated. Possible problems are as follows:

- cash has been incorrectly counted count again
- there has been an error in recording transactions check the following:
 - o Have all transactions been recorded?
 - o Do the amounts recorded agree to supporting documentation?
 - o Have receipts been recorded as payments or payments recorded as receipts?
 - o Have the transactions been recorded against the correct cash account?

If there is still a difference after investigation then the country finance director / sub-office manager should be notified for further investigation.





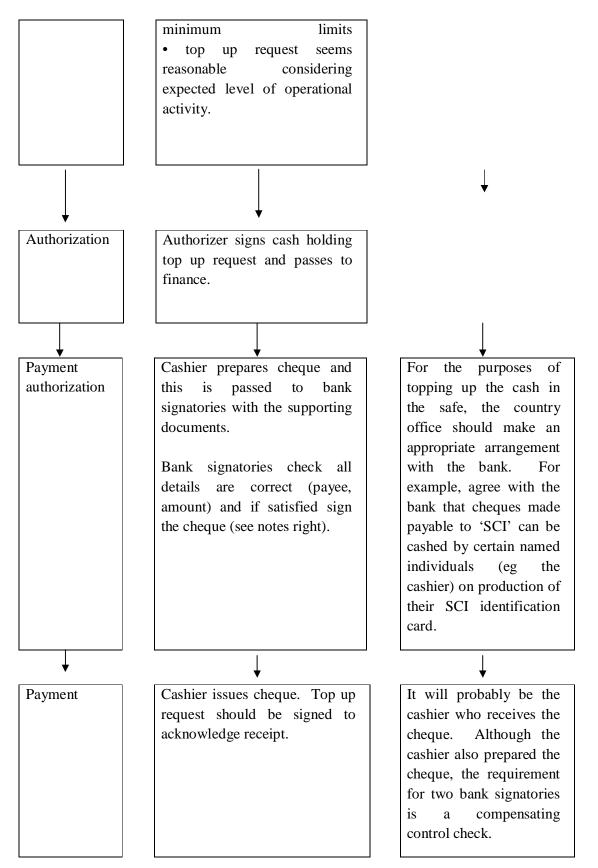
2.2.6 Procedure for topping up Bank/Cash holdings

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Process Notes Stage Top Cashier prepares cash holding If cash has been paid up request top up request. The request out/ received into the should be supported by up-tosafe since the cash date cash reconciliation. reconciliation then a list of the transactions plus supporting documentation should Cashier registers journal also be provided. (Agresso only) as follows: Dr Cash on hand (1050) Cr Bank (1000)/ Cash (1050) The cash holding top is submitted request to authorizer under scheme of delegation. Checking Authorizer ensures that; • cash reconciliation has been reviewed by an independent checker • All payments/ receipts since the reconciliation supported by appropriate documentation • cash in the safe plus top up request will not result in a safe balance above or below the



Collection of cash

The cashier takes the cheque to the bank and cashes it. The cash should be counted in the bank to ensure the correct amount has been received. If possible the counting of the cash should take place in a private area in the bank (eg separate office) rather than in full view of other bank customers. Any discrepancy in amount received should be raised with the bank.

Receipt of cash into cash holdings

On returning to the office the cash should be received into the safe and recorded on the cash top up request. Another staff member should count the cash to agree the amount received, and sign the cash top up request as evidence.

Recording transaction

In Agresso:

Finance officer posts the journals registered before.

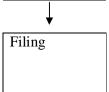
In offline spreadsheet:

Dr Cash on hand (1050)

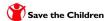
Cr Bank (1000)

The Agresso/ offline spreadsheet reference should be noted on cash top up request.





Cash top up request and supporting documentation is filed in cash top up file in numerical order for audit purposes.



2.3 Petty Cash

In many offices certain staffs (usually administration and logistics) have frequent small purchases to make, for efficiency these staff may be given a small amount for petty cash purposes. Petty cash should be used only for small purchases, such as supplies or local transportation, where cheques cannot be used. This fund is not to be used to issue personal advances to any member of staff.

It must have a fixed maximum value which should never be exceeded, and a limit should be set which no individual payment can exceed. All disbursements must be recorded on petty cash vouchers. The vouchers and supporting documents are stored until the petty cash is 'topped-up' to its original limit.

2.3.1 Responsibilities

Country director and sub-office managers are responsible for:

• Ensuring that appropriate controls over petty cash are in place.

Country finance director is responsible for:

• Effective implementation of controls over petty cash.

Petty cash holder is responsible for:

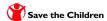
- obtaining appropriate authorization for petty cash payments before the payment is made
- ensuring the petty cash is kept in a lockable box in a lockable drawer, and that these are locked when the petty cash is not being accessed
- Accounting for petty cash on a monthly basis as a minimum.

2.3.2 Process for opening petty cash accounts

- Identify a requirement
 Identify why the petty cash is needed, how it will be used.
- 2. Seek authorisation to proceed

Seek approval from the country director and country finance director. A petty cash account opening request form should be completed, which should contain the following information:





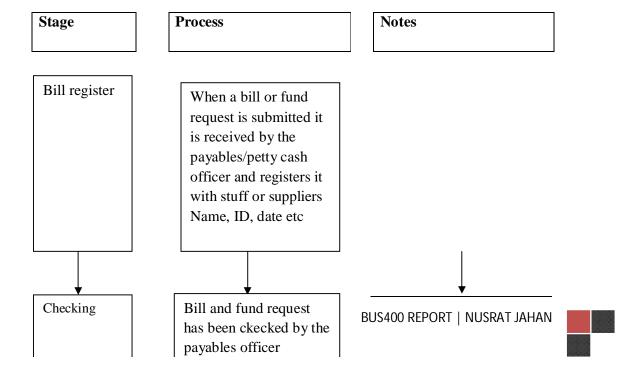
- reason for the cash holding request
- currency to be used
- the maximum and minimum level of cash holding
- all individuals who will have access to the petty cash
- Location of the petty cash box.
- 3. Establish petty cash box
- 4. Set up in Agresso. The accounting entry to establish a petty cash account is to debit the cash in hand account (1050) and credit the bank account (1000) from which the funds were transferred.

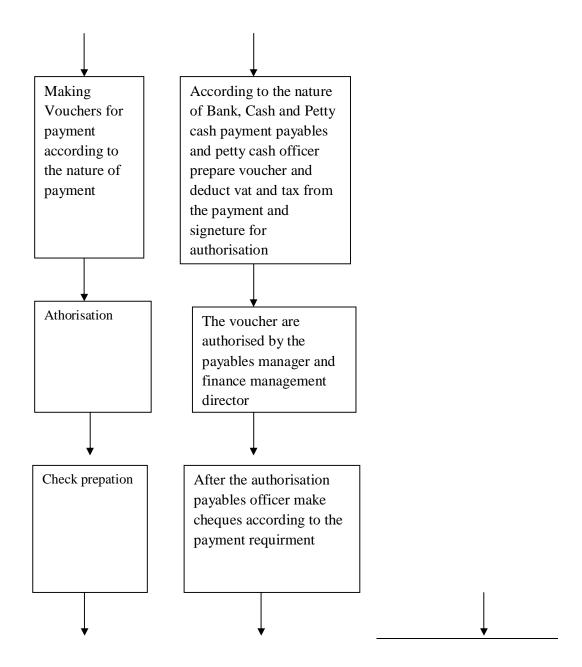
2.3.3 Disbursements from Petty Cash

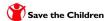
The cash in the petty cash box plus the total of all petty cash vouchers in the box should always equal the total authorized petty cash level. Any reimbursement of petty cash should be equal to the value of all the petty cash vouchers expensed. If this is not the case then any difference should be investigated.

All payments should be supported by a receipt or a document detailing why it was not possible to obtain a receipt. This document should be approved by the person authorising the payment.

2.3.4 Procedure for recording bank, cash and petty cash transactions







Payment authorization

Cash payment

Authorized via country finance director/ sub-office manager check above.

Bank payment

Cheque and supporting documents passed to bank signatories.

Bank signatories check all details are correct (payee, amount) and if satisfied sign the cheque (see notes right).

If a cheque is being issue it should not be made out to 'cash'. The country office should make an appropriate arrangement with the bank. For example, agree with the bank that cheques made payable to 'SCI' can be cashed by certain named individuals (e.g. cashier) on production of their SCI identification card.

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Cashier issues cash/ cheques for payment

Recording payment

In Agresso:

Finance posts the journals registered before.

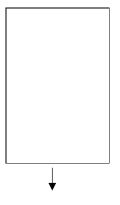
In offline spreadsheet:

For payments made:

Dr Expenses

Cr Cash on hand (1050) / Bank (1000)





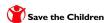
The Agresso/ CAPCOS reference should be noted on the petty cash top up request.

Payments filing

Authorized vouchers and supporting documents should be filed in cash file.

Petty cash top up request should be filed in the bank file.

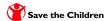




Chapter 3

General accounting





The overall financial management of country offices is governed by the accounting policies and standard operating procedures of SCI. As SCI is a donor based Organization to keep the record properly, every transaction must be accurately coded before they are entered into the finance system. Expenditure should be incurred and coded in line with program requirements and donor regulations.

For every expense two parties become responsible. One is Budget holders another one is the Finance staff. The responsibilities are described below:

Budget holders should:

- code their budgets both by SCI chart of account code and donor expense analysis code
- Identify the complete budget code when authorizing a purchase request, an expenditure commitment (e.g. a purchase order), a program advance or a payment.

Finance staff should:

- set up and ensure the integrity of the overall program coding structure, in consultation with the program staff and in line with SCI chart of account rules
- ensure consistency of coding across the program
- provide training, support & guidance to the budget holders on coding issues
- Seek guidance from regional finance staff if required.

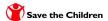
3.1 Recording Attributes (codes)

Whenever enter data in the finance system, for example when making a payment, there are certain fields in which one must enter a coded value. These fields are known as attributes, and they are used to provide particular information about the transaction.

There are three types of attribute:

- account code
- posting attributes (direct dimensions)
- reporting attributes (indirect dimensions)





3.1.1 Account codes and rules

The first attribute is the account code. The list of account codes from which one can select a value at the time of posting is known as the chart of accounts and is standardized across SCI. The most up-to date version of the chart of accounts is available as a report in Agresso.

Within the chart of accounts, the codes fall into three main groups:

- balance sheet codes: these are four-digit codes that have a value between 1000 and
 2999
- income codes: these are four-digit codes that have a value between 3000 and 3999
- expenditure codes: these are four-digit codes that have a value between 4000 and 9999

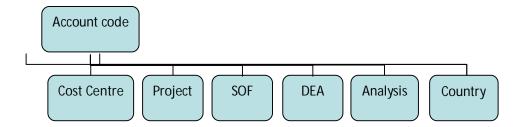
Each account code is linked to an account rule. The account rule determines what other codes must be completed when entering a transaction.

For example, when recording a payment from the bank using account code 1000 (cash at bank), it is not possible to complete the entry without entering a code to identify the specific bank account being used.

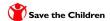
3.1.2 Posting attributes (direct dimensions)

A posting attribute is a code those are required to enter into the finance system in addition to the account code. Examples of posting attributes are cost centre and source of funds (SOF).

The maximum number of codes that may be required to record a transaction is eight (including the account code) as follows:







Attribute	Digits	Convention	Required
Account	4	Harmonized SCI chart of accounts	All transactions
Cost Centre	5	CCC00	All transactions
Project	7	CCC0000 ¹	All income & expenditure transactions
Source of funds (SOF)	8	CCC00000	All income & expenditure and some balance sheet transactions
Donor expenditure analysis (DEA)	5	00000 – unique code allocated by Agresso. Name will come from donor format	All expenditure transactions
Analysis	Varies	See below	Only required for certain account codes
Lelcoa	Varies	Legal requirement in country, if needed	Only if a legal requirement in country (rare)
Country	3	CCC	All transactions self populates in the system

CCC – country ISO code

0 – digit to be assigned

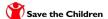
Each posting attribute identifies a particular transaction, and provides information on a variety of different aspects, such as:

- from where the transaction was generated
- which grant or funding is paying for the activity
- What project it's associated with.

Each posting attribute is for a particular specified identification purpose. Combining the use of these codes, or using any code/s as free codes (except lclcoa code) is prohibited, and may only

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be approved under extraordinary circumstances by the Finance Director International Programming.

Cost centre

A cost centre is a section of SCI to which costs are allocated. Where possible, cost centers represent a physical location, such as a country office's main office or sub-office. Outside of the individual country structure, there are cost centre codes for regional office teams and for SCI central teams.

The cost centre is a five digit code and a cost centre code is required for all transactions. The first three digits are the country code (ISO code) and the last two digits represent the office, e.g.

03100 Azerbaijan main office

03101 Ganja sub-office (Azerbaijan)

Note that the main office in each country will be coded CCC00 (where CCC is the country's ISO code)

Project

This is a seven digit code which links the transaction to a particular activity. This means it is possible to identify all the costs associated with a particular activity for monitoring purposes. Project codes identify use of funding. A project code is required for all income & expenditure transactions. Examples are:

0047112 Kandahar working children

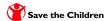
0500770 Flood emergency relief (Bangladesh)

Source of funds (SOF)

A source of funds is a specific source of income requiring tracking and reporting. This is an eight digit code and the first three digits identify the member country providing the funds, with the other five uniquely identifying the grant. A SOF code is required for all income & expenditure transactions and some balance sheet transactions. An example is:

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It is important to note that SCI's grant management system (GMS) will hold the member legacy SOF code but will also assign a new SCI SOF code. For coding transactions the SCI SOF code should be used.

Donor expenditure analysis (DEA)

This is a unique 5-digit code that can be used for identifying costs by donor budget categories. This will enable reporting against donor budgets at the level of detail specified in the grant agreement. A donor expenditure analysis is required for all expenditure transactions.

Analysis

Unlike the other posting attributes this field varies, depending on the account code one select for a transaction.

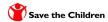
For example, if you select the account code 5030 – Vehicles - the analysis field will be named *vehicle* and must then enter a vehicle code.

Alternatively, if one selects the account code 4920 – Relocation expenses - the analysis field will be named *staff*, and must then enter a staff ID number.

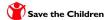
Below is a list of the coding information that may be required in this field, depending on account code entered

Attribute (code)	Description	Coding	Naming convention
Sub Award	Identifies an award made to a partner organization and is used when coding partner payments/ advances.	5 digits	Created in GMS e.g. Food for Kids
Staff	Identifies a SCI member of staff via their Staff ID	CCC000000000 - First 3 digits represent country from where staff is paid. The remaining digits (maximum of 9 digits) are assigned by the HR system from which	Staff member's name e.g. John Paul





		staffs are paid. MUST NOT be 8 digits in total to avoid conflict with suppliers. Created in HR system.	Brown
Customer	Identifies a non donor-organization debtor e.g. tenants or a SC member	CCC00000 - First 3 digits represent Country where Customer is created, or if SC member Country, will be assigned ISO Country code of location. The remaining digits are assigned consecutively. Created in Aggressor	Customer's Trading name/ member's name e.g. Paul John Brown
			e.g. Save the Children UK
Supplier	Identifies an organizational creditor and third parties who receive payment from finance system	CCC00000 - First 3 digits represent country where supplier is created - if domestic; or will be assigned code 998 if international. The remaining digits are assigned consecutively. Created in Agresso	Supplier's trading name e.g. Hotel Everest
Vehicle	Identifies a vehicle that is recorded as a fixed asset on the balance sheet. The code will also be used for tracking fleet expenditure by vehicle.	CCCV0000 - First 3 digits represent country where property is located and V denotes vehicle. The remaining 4 digits are assigned consecutively.	Make and model of the vehicle e.g. Nissan 4x4 XTrail
Property	Identifies an owned or leased property. The code will also be used for tracking property related	CCCP0000 - First 3 digits represent country where property is located and P denotes property. The remaining 4 digits are	First line of the property address e.g. SCI Centre

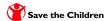


	expenditure (e.g. rent, utilities).	assigned consecutively.	Floor 1
Other asset	Identifies an asset on the balance sheet that is neither a vehicle nor property	CCCA0000 - First 3 digits represent country where asset is located and A denotes asset. The remaining 4 digits are assigned consecutively.	Asset description and serial/reference number where applicable
			e.g. Dell computer model: DCCY S/N: 3839V2J
Bank	Identifies the bank account used in a bank transaction	CCC00 - First 3 digits represent country where bank account is located. The remaining 2 digits are assigned consecutively for each bank account set up	Country, bank account number, bank name, currency, bank type
			e.g. Nepal 90744158 Barclays NPR current
Petty cash	Identifies the cash holding/ petty cash fund used in a transaction	CCC000 - first 5 digits represent cost centre where cash holding/ tin is based, followed by 1 digit. Created in Agresso	Country, cost centre and currency
			e.g. Nepal Biratnagar NPR

Country

For all transactions, the country attribute will be automatically populated with the appropriate code based on the cost centre code entered. This shows where the transaction was generated and will be useful in intra-country/centre transactions.





3.1.3 Reporting attributes (indirect dimensions)

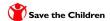
In Agresso there are various fields that are only used for reporting purposes. They are not completed when recording a transaction, but have been linked to the posting attributes. An example of a reporting attribute is 'donor' – this is linked to the source of funds code.

This means that once the transaction has been entered as normal, using the various posting attribute codes, it is possible to run reports for these other pieces of information (e.g. donor).

Some examples of the reporting attributes are given below:

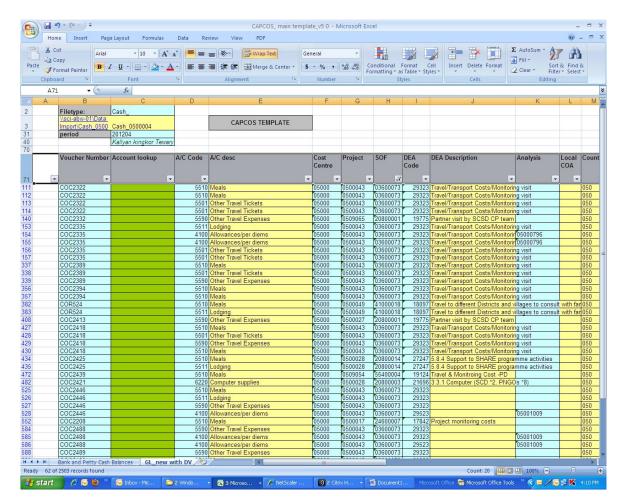
Posting attribute	Reporting attributes (indirect dimensions) – examples			
(direct dimensions)				
Account	• Incomo/ovnonco			
Account	• Income/expense			
	Local account (for local regulatory purposes)			
Cost centre	Unit/ Country (i.e. country)			
	Department (i.e. region)			
	Division (e.g. emergencies, international programming)			
Project	• Theme – programmatic response (e.g. education, nutrition)			
	• Subtheme (e.g. basic education, child nutrition)			
	• Country indirect costs (e.g. direct, indirect)			
	• Context - captures the external environment (e.g. development,			
	acute emergency due to natural disaster)			
	• Lead project ² - linking together projects that were created to			
	differentiate separate sub-themes or countries			
	Strategic Initiative - a large scale grouping of projects across			
	(sub) thematic areas (e.g. EVERY ONE campaign)			
Source of funds	• Donor (e.g. ECHO, USAID, DFID)			
	Donor type (e.g. UN agency)			





3.2 Recording transactions

To record the transaction accounting software Aresso is used. Transactions will either be recorded in Agresso or in the offline spreadsheets.

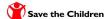


CAPCOS in Offline Spreadsheet

3.2.1 Offline spreadsheets:

The offline spreadsheets should only be used where Agresso is not available. The sub offices do not have any access in Agresso so they have to entry their transactions in the offline speed sheet and send it to the country main office. The main office finance office then rechecks it and uploads in Agresso. There are two offline spreadsheets for recording transactions as follows:

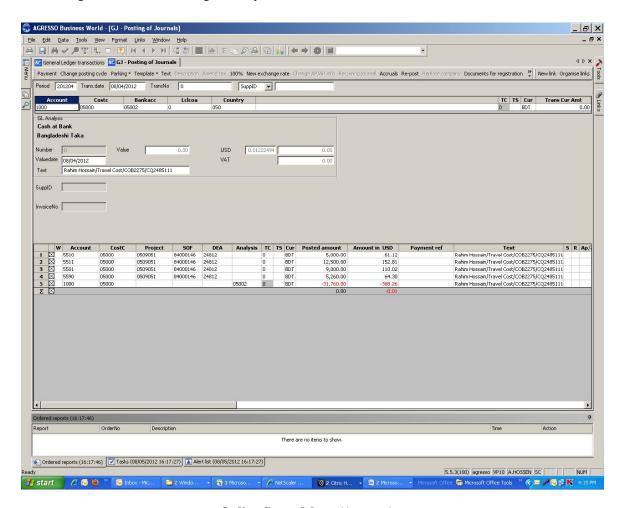




- CAPCOS (cash and petty cash offline spreadsheet) this is for recording any transactions that are made using the bank or petty cash accounts i.e. 1000 Cash at Bank and 1050 Cash on Hand
- GLOS (general ledger offline spreadsheet) this is for recording any transactions other than those made using the bank or petty cash accounts

3.2.2 Online spreadsheet:

Where Agresso is available (eg country office) then it should be used.



Online Spreadsheet (Agresso)

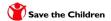
CAPCOS and GLOS will be uploaded into Agresso as part of the month-end process. This will result in the transactions being posted to the general ledger.





Chapter 4

Discussion & recommendation



4.1 Findings and Observation

Save the Children is an international organization which works for the underprivileged children around the world. SCI's aim is to provide the children as much as benefit and to make it possible the finance department of SCI constantly tries to use a minimized the cost of SCI by doing all the financial activities in a proper and cost effective way. To minimize the cost of SCI it is very important to maintain a sound process in the finance department for transaction and recording. After observing the bank & cash management and general accounting procedure of SCI I can say that they are successful to achieve their goal to some extant but there also some factors which can be create problem in the way of proper finance management. Those factors are describing below:

- Dependency on manual activities: SCI is an international organization it has to operate lots of transaction every day. But from the process of receiving the bill or fund request to the payment all happens in a manual way. It increases the chance of mistakes.
- Improper use of human recourse: As the process depends on the manual activities in a large extant so it is found that it's creating the improper use of work force. For example, responsible officer in payables and FMS section has to work with same bills again and again for checking, entry and various purposes. If the system is like, at a time the authorized person has to check and entry the voucher in the system I think it would ensure more efficient use of work force.
- Slower Software Operation: At present "Agrosso" is used as online spreadsheet, but it operation is very slow. Its slowdown the recording system and reporting to the other department as a result it affects the whole financial activities of SCI.
- Incomplete Supporting Documents: Sometimes the bills deposited by the vendors and staffs are not accurate. The supporting documents of the bills are missing, so it creates problem for the officer who makes the vouchers.
- Paper Vouchers: The payment vouchers can be required for various use including audit, prepare different report of different department and program, for justification etc. but all the vouchers made for the payment of bills are paper vouchers which can be easily damaged, so keeping bill vouchers for 5 years according to the policy of SCI is very tough.



- Documentation: For documentation vouchers are filed in a monthly basis. Voucher is required for the future reference, audit and different propose of different department. People of different departments and programs use vouchers but it is found that most of those are not put back in the same place. There is no authorized person or system to maintain the documentation, so these missing vouchers can create problems in the future.
- Irregular cross checking: Through there are several cross checking point from topping up bank/cash balance to payment process, but it is not practicing in the way it should be. So it increases the chance of mistakes and corruption.





4.2 Recommendation

After all the discussion and observation of the process of "Bank & Cash Management" and "General Accounting" of I want to recommend some points. Those are describing below:

- Revised system: In order to maintain a sound finance management process they should make the system more revised and computerized rather than the manual process. For example, if there is a system of submitting the entire bill and fund request on online software than it will easy check, decrease mistakes and ensure the proper use of workforce.
- Upgraded Software: To make sure the faster recording system the software used for recording should be upgraded or should be changed.
- Internal Audit: To ensure the proper execution of the policy, appropriate financial
 activities and decrease the possibility of unfair means internal audit should be
 appointed.
- Increase emphasis of cross checking: To increase the accuracy and decrease unfair means it is very important to give more emphasis on cross checking of bill vouchers, cheques and other financial data. So it should be ensured.
- Improved procedure of documentation: One of the policies of SCI finance is to keep the financial document up to 5 years. But by the current documentation procedure is not possible. So I think more improved procedure of documentation should be introduced.
- Decentralization of responsibility: SCI is an international organization, in Bangladesh currently it is operating different activities program for the under privileged children and finance department aim is to help to achieve the goal of this program. According to my observation to operate the financial activities more efficiently by more decentralization of the responsibility of top and middle management of finance.





4.3 Conclusion

Save the Children International is globally recognized welfare organization for deprived children. They collect fund from different governmental, individual and corporate organizations and committed to managing the funds in a fully accountable way. SCI mission is to provide maximum benefits to the poor and deprived children; as a result it spends as much money as possible on programs which benefit children directly. Most of these programs are based in the world's poorest countries, where millions of children struggle to survive and thrive. In order to accomplish the mission, its finance department always tryst to minimize the expense of SCI by properly manage the financial activities of the organization. They operate their financial management process in a cost effective way which ensures the organizations goal to provide maximum benefit the children. SCI is successful to achieve their goal to a large extant but still they have some problems regarding the financial management process as well as in human resource management, if they can overcome those problems they can manage their activities more efficiently as a result it will be more easier to achieve their mission.





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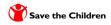
List of Grants & Sub-grants

Sl	Grants Name	Donor	Member	Partner NGOs Name (Sub-Grants)	Location
	BGD SHIKHON	European		FIVDB	Sylhet
1	Learning Alternative for Vulnerable Children (DC)	Commission, Unrelated to DIP/ECHO	United States	JCF	Jessore
				SAINT-Bangladesh	Barisal
	BGD Education in			Manab Mukti Sangstha (MMS)	Kurigram
2	Emergency	UNICEF	United States	Muslim Aid Bangladesh	Bagerhat & Kurigram
				Rupantor	Khulna
				BDSC	Kurigram
3	BGD Strengthening Non	EC-Main	SC UK	MSSUS	Khulna
3	State Actor	EC-Main	SCUK	Prodipan	Dhaka
				Rupantor	Khulna
4	BGD Emergency Flooding (ECHO)	ЕСНО	SC UK	Uttaran	Satkhira
		Global Fund	United States	MATTRA	Dhaka
				HASAB	Dhaka
				PIACT	Dhaka
				ICDDR'B	Dhaka
				CARE	Dhaka
				KMSS	Khulna
				SKUS	Dhaka
				ARK	Chittagong
5	BGD Rolling			Drubo Soci.	Bogura
3	Continuation Channel			TUS	Mymenshing
				SAS	Barisal
				SWADESH	Dhaka
				BWHC	Dhaka
				DNS	Dhaka
				AAS	Dhaka
				MSCS	Dhaka
				YPSA	Dhaka
				BRAC University	Dhaka
6	BGD PROTEEVA	USAID non-	United States	FIVDB	Sylhet



		OFDA		CODEC	Barishal & Cox's Bazaar
				VERC	Savar-Dhaka
				RDRS	Rangpur
				JCF	Jessore
				IRA	Dhaka
				ICDDR'B	Dhaka
	BGD MCHIP (Maternal			FIVDB	Sylhet
7	Child Health Integrated	JHPIEGO	JHPIEGO	ICDDRB	Dhaka
	Program) MaMoni			Shimantik	Sylhet
8	BGD Sponsorship	SC-US Sponsorship	United States	JCF	Maherpur
	BGD Household			CODEC	Khulna
9	Economic and Food Security of Extreme Poor (SHIREE)	DFID	SC UK	Prodipan	Khulna
10	BGD SHIREE Innovation 4	Shiree / British Council	SCK	MSSUS	Khulna
				Nari Maitree	Dhaka
				INCIDIN Bangladesh	Dhaka
				SUF	Dhaka
11	BGD Child Protection DANIDA	Danida	Denmark	BITA	Chittagong
	DANDA			ACD	Dhaka
				BNWLA	Dhaka
				BTS	Dhaka
12	BGD Work to Learn	Danida		UCEP	Dhaka
13	BGD Partnerships to		Denmark	SUF	Dhaka
13	combat child labor			CPD	Dhaka
				Nari Maitree	Dhaka
				INCIDIN Bangladesh	Dhaka
				SUF	Dhaka
				Ain O Salish Kendra	Dhaka
				SEEP	Dhaka
14	BGD Education Frame	Danida	Denmark	CPD	Dhaka
				BITA	Chittagong
				MUKTI -Cox's Bazar	Cox's Bazaar
				UDDIPAN-United development Initiatives for Program Action.	Dhaka
				CSID	Dhaka
15	BGD Child Right	Danida	Denmark	BNWLA	Dhaka
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17	BGD Our home, Phase III SANLAAP	Danida	Denmark	SANLAAP	India
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19	BGD Rural Urban Child			UDDIPAN	Dhaka
20	Migration-NSA			BNWLA	Dhaka
21	BGD DRR Framework Program funding	MFA Finland	Finland	UDDIPAN	Dhaka
	BGD Sida Frame 2009-			BTS	Dhaka
22	2011 Development	Sida	Sweden	ACD	Dhaka
	Cooperation			BLAST	Dhaka
23	BGD Livelihoods Frame	MFA Finland	Einland	SUF	Dhalra
	funding	Filliand	Finland	Zabarang Kalyan	Dhaka
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26	Child Domestic Worker Protection	Comic Relief	SC UK	Ain O Salish Kendra	Dhaka
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31	BGD Safe home program	SC Korea Individula Donors	SCK	Karmojibi Kallayan Sangstha (KKS)	Rajbari
32	BGD Protection through Education for Extremely Marginalised Children	Swiss Foundation	Australia	Mukti Mohila Samity (MMS)	Rajbari
33	BGD Dauladia child Protection Program	AUS-AID	Australia	Mukti Mahila Samity- MMS	Rajbari
34	BGD Daulatdia Child Protection Program SCA GF (Share Grant of 03600024)	SC Australia/ General Fund	Australia	Mukti Mahila Samity- MMS	Rajbari
35	BGD Positive discipline	New Zealand general fund	New Zealand/SCAUS	Karmojibi Kallyan Sanstha-KKS (Positive discipline)	Rajbari
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38	BGD MCHIP	JHPIEGO	United States	Concren Worldwide	Dhaka
				Nari Maitree	Dhaka
	FG G			OWDEP	Dhaka
39	EC Sustain	EC-Main	SC UK	UCEP	Dhaka
				SUF	Dhaka
				SEEP	Dhaka
40	BGD Provision of educational services to			RTMI	Cox's Bazaar
	refugees in Bangladesh			DDDG	D
11	EC Share			RDRS	Rangpur
41	EC Share			VERC	Savar-Dhaka
				CODEC	Chittagong
42	BGD HBB scale up	JHPIEGO	United States	BSMMU	Dhaka
43	Preparing Alternative report on UNCRC and Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Report			Ain O Satish Kendra- ASK	Dhaka



45	Child Centered Budget Analysis In Bangladesh	The Bill &		CSID -Centre for services and Information on	
46		The Bill &		Disability	Dhaka
	Children saving initiatives	Melinda Gates Foundation	United States	SUF-Society for Underpriviledged Families	Dhaka
47	Strengthen capacity of religious Leader & Duty bearers (Scout & Police) on Child Rights'			BTS- Breaking the Silence	Dhaka
48	BGD Match funding for SCUK 7549	SC UK Individual donors	SC UK		Dhaka
49	BGD Post Code Lottery 2011	Post Code Lottery Swedish	Sweden		Dhaka
50	BGD ORTOB Plan	Plan Int	Australia		Dhaka
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53	BGD Sponsorship: Save night for exploited street children INCIDIN	SC Denmark	Denmark		Dhaka
54	BGD Strengthening Non- State Actors	EC-Main	SC UK		Dhaka
55	BGD Match funding for SCUK 7549	SC UK Individual donors	SC UK		Dhaka
56	BGD General Funds Allocation 2011	SC UK Individual donors / general fund	SC UK		Dhaka
5 /	BGD Challenge Fund - Accountability	SC UK	SC UK		Dhaka
58	BGD Challenge Fund - Education	SC UK Individual donors / general fund	SC UK		Dhaka
5U I	BGD flood response August 2011 CEF	SC UK Individual donors / general fund	SC UK	_	
	BGD Emergency Linked Income	SC UK Individual donors / general fund	SC UK		
61	BGD Match funding for SCUK 6981	SC UK Individual	SC UK		

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		donors / general fund		
62	BGD Emergency Flooding	ЕСНО	SC UK	
63	Early Recovery and Rehabilitation Support for the Households Affected by Flood and Water logging in Banglades	ЕСНО	SC UK	
64	BGD PROTEEVA	USAID non- OFDA	United States	
65	BGD 202e Nobo Jibon- MYAP	USAID non- OFDA	United States	
66	BGD Alive & Thrive	AED - Academy for Educational Development	United States	
67	BGD Makiko ISHNE evaluation	Meiji Gakuin University	United States	
68	BGD flood response August 2011 CEF	SC UK Individual donors / general fund	SC UK	Dhaka

