

Vacancy Announcement

Position	Country Transparency & Compliance Officer	Starting date	ASAP
Location	Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh	Type of contract	Fixed term
Contract duration	6 months (renewable)	Security risk level	Sensitive (2/4)

About Acted

For the past 30 years, Acted has been working at the forefront of humanitarian action to save lives. Acted supports more than 27 million people in 43 countries, meeting their needs in hard-to-reach areas, while pursuing a triple mandate as a humanitarian, environmental, and development actor. Acted relies on a deep understanding of local contexts to develop and implement long-term actions, in collaboration with a wide range of local and international partners, to collectively build a 3ZERO world: Zero Exclusion, Zero Carbon and Zero Poverty.

Position's context and key challenges

Bangladesh, a South Asian nation with a fast-growing economy, is navigating a complex mix of challenges and opportunities. The country has made significant progress in poverty reduction, education, and healthcare, emerging as a model for economic resilience. However, Bangladesh faces hurdles such as political instability (revolution in July 2024), climate change, and an over-reliance on a few economic sectors. In addition to its own internal struggles, Bangladesh hosts more than a million Rohingya refugees, forming one of the largest settlements worldwide for the past seven years. Since commencing operations in Bangladesh in 2018 in response to the Rohingya refugee crisis, Acted has developed a comprehensive strategy across five pillars: Emergency, WASH systems, Information Management, CSO support, and promoting green economy practices.

Key roles and responsibilities

The Country Transparency and Compliance Officer contributes to (i) controlling, on a risk-based audit approach, the implementation of Acted's processes in compliance with Acted's guidelines, specific donor guidelines, best practices and national regulations in the relevant country; (ii) developing & actively contributing to action plans agreed with country coordination in order to mitigate the identified risks, and to cope with priorities, budget constraints and organizational context.

S/He provides technical support and capacity building to the country FLATS staff to implement the action plan and address the issues.

S/He also provides technical support for donor external audits and due diligences preparation and follow-up.

S/He should comply and ensure compliance to the audit code of conduct.

1. Internal Audit function

1.1. Participate to the implementation of the approved national internal audit plan: conduct internal audit missions through a risk management approach

- a) Audit Plan: participate to the implementation and the update of the country audit plan (including IP Due diligences);
- b) Conduct country Internal audit missions: conduct country/area audit missions according to the Country Audit Plan and the Acted internal audit methodology;
- c) Review the country/area internal audit missions conducted by the area / country audit and compliance team before Coordination approval;
- d) Conduct Implementing Partners due diligences, participate to the mitigation plan follow-up;

- e) Suggest measures for mitigating such risks to the Country Risk and Compliance Manager, discuss the main findings and recommendations during the mission; draft an action plan (AUD-04B) to be discussed during the debriefing session;
- f) Audit report: send the audit reports (AUD-04A) to the Country Risk and Compliance Manager for review before regional and/or HQ approval;
- g) Ensure the recommendation follow-up and actively participate in their implementation.

1.2. Implementation of the Acted standard guidelines and FLAT System at the capital, area and partner's levels: contribute to:

- a) Control **the monthly flow of documentation from the Areas and Partners to the Capital office; Review documentation compliance level on a random basis;**
- b) Supervise the National Compliance Officer in compiling, filing and checking all project related financial, logistics, administrative, HR, and programme information (including documentation from the areas and the partners) in the designated project Compliance FLATS folder on a monthly basis (FLA 01 and FLA 03);
- c) Support the Compliance Team in identifying the compliance issues by filling the compliance checklists (FLA 02);
- d) The follow-up of the action plan (AUD 04B);
- e) Draft the Monthly Compliance Report (FLA 04) and the Audit TITANIC and obtain the Country Risk and Compliance Manager review and approval and send it to HQ.

1.3. When required, contribute to controlling the compliance with country rules and regulations. Upon request of your Coordination and in link with the Country Finance Manager:

- a) Support, in litigation cases (staff, suppliers, etc.) follow-up;
- b) Support National and local legislation follow-up (tax exemption, social security, labour law etc.);
- c) Tax/VAT exemption follow-up: control the Acted compliance with tax laws and that tax/VAT exemptions are requested in a timely manner.

1.4. Provide support to mitigate the high risks identified

- a) Provide technical support to the Finance, Logistics, Admin, Audit and Programme departments and participate to the action plan implementation to mitigate the risks identified in 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 upon request of the Country Risk and Compliance Manager, the Country Director and / or the HQ Audit, Legal and Transparency Director.

2. External audit : contribute to the external audit and the due diligences preparation and follow up

- a) Participate to the preparation of external audits and due diligences in close collaboration with the HQ Audit Department, the Country Finance Manager and the Country Director;
- b) Draft of the External Audit preparation (AUD-01) and update the Project, FLAT & External Audit Follow-up (AUD-00);
- c) Contribute to train the implementing partners / country/area staff to the external audit preparation;
- d) Contribute, in line with the Country Finance Manager in managing external audit preparation related to Implementing Partners expenses.
- e) Contribute, in close relation with the Country Director and the Country Finance Manager, to facilitate and coordinate the audit, organize the kick off and close out meetings of each external audit;
- f) Contribute to draft Acted Management responses to the audit report, to be reviewed by the Country Risk and Compliance Manager and approved by Country Finance Manager and the Country Director first and then by the HQ Audit Department. Follow-up the reception of the signed audit report;
- g) Contribute to ensure (i) the update of the External Audit Recommendations follow up (AUD-02) and (ii) the implementation of the recommendations from external audits;
- h) When relevant to a project or mission registration, provide technical support to select external audit companies.

3. Training sessions / lessons learn / best practices

3.1. Capacity building and Training

- a) Provide practical training on specific areas of Acted procedures;
- b) Mentor Compliance staff in the country.

3.2. Lessons learn

- a) Contribute to proactive dissemination and use of knowledge gained through audit activities (internal and external audits) among international and national staff;
- b) In the absence of Country Risk and Compliance Manager, participate in kick-off /closure meetings to share lesson learnt from previous audit and highlight donor guidelines.

3.3. Process improvement

- a) Reinforce current procedures and the quality of Acted internal control, based on international best practices, donors' requirements and results of internal & external audits;
- b) Upon request from the Country Risk and Compliance Manager or Audit Director, participate to the drafting of specific policies.

4. Transparency

- a) Participate in minimizing risk of fraud and corruption by ensuring adherence to Acted FLATS procedures, Acted Code of Conduct and Acted Anti-Fraud Policy;
- b) Upon request of the Country Risk and Compliance Manager, the Country Director and/or the Audit Director, participate in Fraud cases investigations;
- c) Upon request of the Country Risk and Compliance Manager if any or the Country Director, update the Fraud Register (FRA-04)
- d) Actively promote Acted's anti-fraud and whistle blowing policy within all Acted offices in country.

5. Internal Coordination

- a) Ensure training and capacity building for the Compliance team members in order to increase the level of technical ability and skills within the department
- b) Manage a Risk and Compliance Intern (if any) following up the work plans and day-to-day activities;
- c) Mentor the Risk and Compliance Intern and National Compliance Officer with the aim of strengthening their technical capacity

6. Other

- a) Provide regular and timely updates on progress and challenges to coordination and other team members;
- b) Warn the Country Director and HQ in case some major problems arise with a potential financial or reputational impact on the mission.
- c) Perform any other related activities as assigned by immediate supervisor.

Required qualifications and technical competencies

- Postgraduate diploma in International Relations, Law, Audit or equivalent
- 1-2 years previous work experience in a relevant position
- Experience in Administration, Law, Audit (external or internal) or Finance
- Strong negotiation and interpersonal skills, and flexibility in cultural and organizational terms
- Ability to work well and under pressure
- Excellent english level, written and spoken (daily contact with the field's teams)
- Experience in management and training is a plus

Conditions

- Salary between 1600 and 1800€ monthly (before income tax), depending on the level of education, security level, etc as well as a monthly living allowance of \$300



- Accommodation and food provided in Acted guesthouse
- Pension, health insurance, life insurance and repatriation assistance (& unemployment insurance for EU citizens)
- Flight tickets every 6 months & visa fees covered
- Contribution to the luggage transportation: up to 100 kgs, depending on the length of the contract
- Annual leave of 25 to 43 days per year
- One week pre-departure training in Acted HQ, including a 4-days in situ security training
- Tax advice (free 30-minute call with a tax consultant)
- Psychological assistance

How to Apply

Please send your application (cover letter + resume) to jobs@acted.org under **Ref: T&CO/BGD**