

# Supporting the next generation of library leaders

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#### **Report Template**

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Feedback on activities undertaken					
Date and duration of the activity	Finance for Non Finance Managers Workshop 23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> February, 2015				
Location (if known/applicable)	Malawi Institute of Management				
Summary of activities					

Please outline in no more than 300 words the three main highlights of your activity. What do you consider the most important achievement and the most memorable experience?

One of the three main highlights of the workshop was the ability of the supervisors to recognise the need for financial management which entails planning, organising, controlling and monitoring the financial resources of an organisation in order to achieve its objectives. Principles of financial management learnt were on stewardship, accountability, transparency, constancy, integrity, viability and adhering to accounting standards. The key highlights of this was that there are many users of accounting information ranging from boards, governments, management, shareholders, customers, suppliers, lenders, employees, donors and other partners. Key to satisfying the needs of the users of accounting information to know how to plan through budgets, how to implement plans and keep records through cash books and internal controls and how to report through financial statements.

The second highlight of the workshop was on financial reporting. The key aspects of the topic were the ability for the participants to appreciate and understand how organisation formulates statement of comprehensive income and statement of financial position. The lessons learnt has enabled non finance managers to be able to read and understand how statement of

comprehensive income and statement of financial position are formulated and the purposes they serve in organisations. An extrapolation of the course was on how to come up with statements of cash flows in which the organisation outlines where cash came from during the year and exactly how the cash was used.

The third highlight of the workshop was on internal controls which are policies and procedures that are an integral part of sound financial management such as methods of safeguarding assets, reliability of the accounting data and how the policies and procedures comply with management policies. Of particular importance to the participants were unavailability of internal controls such as delegated authority, separation of powers, reconciliation, cash and physical controls.

What were your expectations as a result of this activity? Have they been met?

The workshop overlooked some aspects which the participants were supposed to be drilled on. For example how to formulate budgets. i.e. capital budgets, operating budgets, staff emoluments, levy and superannuation. Overall the workshop has broadened the understanding of non financial managers to what goes on in the financial and accounting world.

Was there something unexpected you had to face in undertaking your activity?

The presentations involved a lot of calculations especially on cost volume analysis which is more into financial accounting than management accounting. Because of the levels of calculations involved a lot of time was spent in trying to understand the calculations.

What are your hopes for the future as a result of this experience?

The hopes for the future lies in implementing financial management in as far as stewardship, accountability, transparency, constancy, integrity, viability and adhering to accounting standards are concerned. Secondly, there is need to develop and implement internal controls so that consortium resources benefit all.

Any additional information you would like to include?

The most important achievement of this workshop is the better understanding of financial matters. The participants carried out a research on budgeting and financing of academic libraries in Malawi during the masters in library and information studies. The information learnt during the workshop has further enriched the participant ability to comprehend more financial matters ranging from incremental and zero Based Budgets to statements of comprehensive income and financial positions.

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## EXPENDITURE REPORT AFTER THE SECONAD WORKSHOP: FINANCE FOR NON FINANCE MANAGERS 23-27<sup>th</sup> February, 2015

Item	Course	Amount in US\$	Balance in US\$	Amount in Kwacha	Balance in MK
23/02/2015	Balance from the first workshop	939.61	939.61	370, 993.18	370, 993.18
23/02/2015	Tuition for Finance for Non-Finance Managers	267.60	672.01	105, 661.20	265, 331.98
23/02/2015	Travel expenses, fuel for 5 days to and from the venue of the workshop	126.63	545.38	50, 000.00	215, 331.98
24/02/2015	Handouts, Printing and Photocopying	79.12	466.26	31, 240.00	184, 091.98
27/02/2015	Balance Brought Down for Workshop 3	-	466.26	-	184, 091.98

Exchange rate: As of 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2013 1 United States Dollars = K394.842 Malawi Kwacha.

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GROUP PHOTOGRAPH FOR PARTICIPANTS TO THE FINANCE FOR NON FINANCE MANAGERS WORKSHOP AT THE MALAWI INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT IN LILONGWE ON FRIDAY  $27^{\text{TH}}$  FEBRUARY, 2015



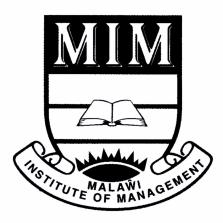
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#### FINANCE FOR NON-FINANCE MANAGERS COURSE TIME TABLE

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2015

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY			
08:30 – 10:00	<ul><li>Introduction</li><li>Expectations</li><li>Introduction to</li><li>Financial</li><li>Management</li></ul>	Cost Volume Profit Analysis	Financial Reporting	Internal Controls	Working Capital Management			
10:00 – 10:30	TEA BREAK							
10:30 – 12:30	Introduction to Financial Management (Cont'd)	Cost Volume Profit Analysis (Cont'd)	Financial Reporting (Cont'd)	Internal Controls (Cont'd)	Working Capital Management (Cont'd)			
12:30 – 14:00	LUNCH							
14:00 – 15:00	Budgeting Principles	Capital Expenditure Appraisal	Financial Reporting (Cont'd)	Internal Controls (Cont'd)	Course Evaluation and Closure			
15:00 – 15:30	TEA BREAK							
15:30 – 17:00	Budgeting Principles (Cont'd)	Capital Expenditure Appraisal (Cont'd)	Financial Reporting (Cont'd)	Internal Controls (Cont'd)				

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This is to certify that

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has participated in the following course
Finance for Non Finance Managers
23 – 27 February, 2015

and has satisfied the requirements of the course by full attendance and participation

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