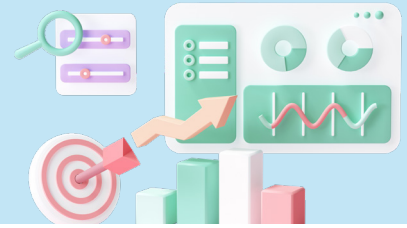


# Nonprofit cuts financial reporting time from weeks to hours with cloud Unit4 ERP



## Finn Church Aid



**By standardizing on Unit4 Cloud Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), Finn Church Aid (FCA) is re-imagining financial management. A single, unified view of finance across multiple countries drives intelligent automation and frees more resources to focus on the core mission: humanitarian aid.**

- Reduces financial reporting time from weeks to hours.
- Provides agility to adapt quickly to changes in international aid programs.
- Enables complete visibility and control over finances in projects and legal entities across the globe.
- Streamlines and improves time management and budget planning.

### Working tirelessly for the most vulnerable people

FCA is Finland's largest international aid organization, working tirelessly in various countries and regions all over the globe for more than 75 years with the most vulnerable people, regardless of their religious beliefs, ethnic background, or political convictions.

The nonprofit has never been busier. Following two decades of positive progress in human development and reducing poverty, the combined negative effects of the global health and environmental crises, political fragility, and conflicts are causing growing instability and disruption in many regions.

To drive humanitarian aid success, FCA needed to modernize its finance system. Bruno Duréault, Director of Finance and Operational Support, picks up the story. "We relied on a set of different systems and tools that created complexity, delay, and cost. There was also a significant amount of manual intervention in everyday processes. We want our activities to be geared towards support to the affected communities, not dealing with manual work."

The patchwork of systems created reporting problems, too. "As a nonprofit, regulatory compliance reporting is essential. It's very difficult to deliver timely, accurate reporting when the systems don't talk to one another," says Bruno.

<b>Industry</b>	Nonprofit
<b>Location</b>	Helsinki, Finland
<b>Size</b>	1,000 employees in various countries
<b>Product</b>	Unit4 Cloud Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)

### Challenges

**The nonprofit was relying on a patchwork of separate financial systems across the globe. This made it hard to transparently report on operations, absorbed significant resources in manual administration, and increased costs.**

### Key metrics



**AGILE**  
Cuts reporting time from weeks to hours



**USER-FRIENDLY**  
Provides a fast, easy-to-use accounting experience

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He continues, “Unit4 was the ideal ERP platform to take FCA into the future. The pricing is transparent and affordable. The platform is proven across the world among leading nonprofit organizations. And the cloud environment adapts quickly and easily to geographic and legislative needs.” Unit4 ERP is optimizing management of global projects.

Migration to the cloud was particularly important to FCA. It means that cybersecurity is monitored and controlled separately, there is minimal maintenance, and everyone is working from a common instance of the ERP. “We can upload and download datasets at will. Wherever we are working in the world, we simply open the device and the data is there,” Bruno says.

### Adjust faster to change and stay resilient

FCA has so far focused on core Unit4 finance functionality to

consolidate and control financial and statistical information. The unified environment also ensures that any transactions that update the general ledger have had the appropriate approval and confirmation.

“Unit4 ERP Cloud is adaptive and easy to use. It means we can adjust to change faster, remain resilient, and ensure everyone speaks the same language,” says Bruno.

Reporting agility has been transformed using Unit4, too: “In the past, it took several days, sometimes weeks to generate financial reports, with multiple people involved and the risk that the data would be out of date by the time it was used for decision making. After a few months of being live, one person can now develop reports in a couple of hours,” Bruno says.

In time, FCA will extend the ERP platform to innovative new functionalities, including travel and

expense claim management. This is a pivotal development for the nonprofit, which has people working in the field all over the world in different time zones. “This represents a crucial step towards improved budget planning and forecasting. It will also reduce the burden on administrative staff and allocate more time to helping affected communities,” says Bruno.

Ultimately, Unit 4 will help FCA to better manage its finances by controlling costs directly in the source system, gaining in reactivity and efficiency. Bruno concludes, “How to summarize the value of Unit4 for an organization working in humanitarian and development projects? It allows us to innovate, to consolidate, and to operate transparently.”

