# A Day in Your Life With Outsourced Back Office Functions

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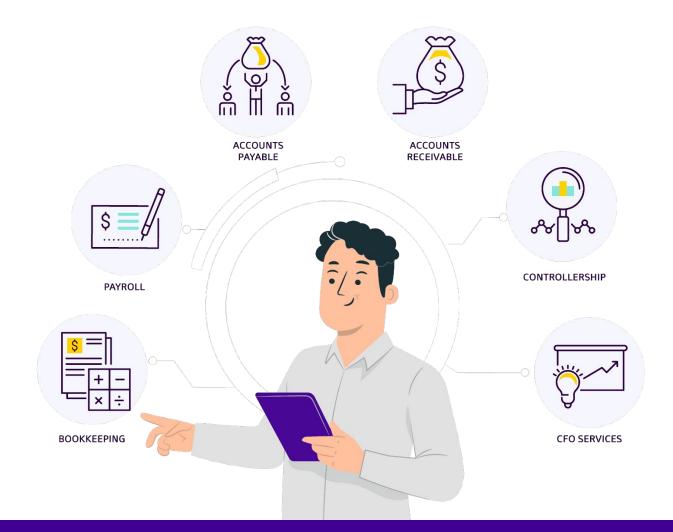
#### Enkel

[en-kel] Adjective | Simple

Co-founded by Omar Visram in 2016 with a simple problem in mind "You can't build a great organization without good books"

- 300 Clients
- Worked with over 100 NPOs
- 80 team members with a global delivery model
- Focus on *Financial Operations* **not** advisory, tax and assurance work

Enkel would like to acknowledge that our offices are situated on the unceded traditional territories of the  $x^w m \theta \theta k^w \theta \dot{y} \theta m$  (Musqueam),  $S\underline{k}w\underline{x}w\dot{u}7mesh$  (Squamish), and  $s\theta liw\theta ta\theta dt$  (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.





#### **Agenda**

- 1. History of pointA and Enkel
- 2. Outsourcing: high-level overview
- 3. Getting started with outsourcing
- 4. Onboarding and work process
- 5. Benefits of long-term partnerships





#### Polling Question:

On a scale of 1-5, how far along are you with outsourcing your non-core functions?

(1 = Just considering it, 5 = It's definitely happening!)







#### pointA and Enkel

- Working together since 2020 (onset of the pandemic)
- Services provided:
  - Bookkeeping
  - Accounts payable
  - Payroll
  - Controllership
- Motivated by a need to move from paper-based to the cloud
- Positive experience and results







## Functions that lend themselves to outsourcing

- Accounting (bookkeeping, AP, AR, payroll, controllership and CFO services)
- Human resources
- IT services
- Marketing
- Fundraising
- Legal







## Is it time to consider outsourcing?

- Lack of in-house expertise
- Limited resources
  - Time
  - Capacity or priorities
- Time efficiency
- Recruitment challenges
- Scalability







### Client perspective: Decision and timing

- How did you know it was time to consider outsourcing?
- What factors went into your decision to outsource?
- Did you consider keeping the function in-house?
  - Why or why not?
- How did you feel as you started on this journey?







#### **Typical onboarding steps**

- Kickoff call
- Welcome call and checklist completion
- Accounting deep dive
- Tools training
- Go live
- Periodic check-ins







### Client perspective: Before and after

- Can you share how you managed your financial operations prior to starting with Enkel?
- What was your experience before your decision to outsource?
- What was it like to get started with Enkel?
- How many people from your team were involved and in what ways?
- Any insights to share on getting started with an outsourced back office service provider?







#### **Ongoing monthly reporting**

- Standard package includes:
  - Balance sheet
  - Income statement
  - AP & AR listings
- Customized reporting available (for example, income statement by program, actual to budget reports)







## Client perspective: Monthly reporting outputs

- How do you share data or inputs with Enkel on a monthly basis?
- How do you use the monthly financial statements to help guide your strategy?
- How do you communicate with Enkel?
- How is life different than when you were managing this function in-house?







### Benefits of long-term partnerships

- Cost optimization
- Expertise and specialized skills
- Focus
- Flexibility and scalability
- Risk mitigation
- Efficiency and quality
- Consistency
- Results







#### Client perspective: Overall experience

- What are the benefits you have experienced from having outsourced financial operations?
- What results have you achieved?
- How has this changed your work processes?
- How does Enkel work with your auditors/year-end accountant?
- Any advice for the fellow nonprofit leaders on this webinar?







# Re-thinking your financial operations for 2024?

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