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| Job Title: | Senior Research Advisor, Business Platform for Nutrition Research |

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| Classification: | Senior Advisor C6 | Direct Reports: | 0 |
| Work Location | London or Washington DC | Travel Required: | Up to 20% |

The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) is driven by the vision of a world without malnutrition. GAIN is a Swiss-based foundation that mobilizes public-private partnerships and provides financial and technical support to deliver nutritious foods to those people most at risk of malnutrition. The organization is delivering improved nutrition to an estimated 820 million people in more than 30 countries, half of whom are women and children. Nutrition products are as varied as fortified cooking oil and flour in Africa, soy sauce in China and biscuits in India, as well as specialized products for infant and young child nutrition, interventions linking agriculture and nutrition security and interventions to protect the most vulnerable affected by emergencies or chronic illness.

This position is a key part of the build out of the Business Platform for Nutrition Research (BPNR), a new public-private partnership, which GAIN manages as Secretariat. The Business Platform for Nutrition Research (BPNR) is a multi-stakeholder platform for defining, funding and disseminating new research to improve nutrition. It has been created in response to the challenge that funding for nutrition-related research and development (R&D) is dramatically underinvested, both by the public sector and the private sector. Businesses can be reluctant to invest in early stage research on their own because there is no clear and direct link to their core business and because the cost and risk of R&D is too high relative to expected returns from low income markets. The public sector is constrained by relatively stagnant foreign assistance budgets and by a drive toward value-for-money which requires that investments show tangible and immediate returns.

At its core, the BPNR plays two critical roles:

1) channeling new/additional funding into public research to build the global evidence base and

2) ensuring research is targeted so that results can seed further private investment into commercial applications (products, tools and services) that benefit the malnourished in developing countries.

The ultimate goal of the BPNR is to ensure that nutritious and safe foods and products are accessible, purchased or received and consumed by those with high risk of inadequate intake.

Corporate partners of the platform include Unilever, GlaxoSmithKline, Mars, Pepsi and others.

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| Description |
| Overall Purpose:  The overall purpose of this position is to manage all aspects of research for the Business Platform for Nutrition Research (BPNR). |
| Tasks and Responsibilities:   1. Research identification, prioritization and contracting:  * Based on the research ideas articulated by business stakeholder groups, develop and maintain up-to-date reviews of published and on-going research and collaborations relevant to each research streams and based on that information, identify potential research questions for discussion among stakeholders * Propose methods for research contracting to stakeholder groups and lead procurement processes, via call for proposals and/or identifying academic institutions for research contracting * Identify and propose to the stakeholders new research streams * Lead, manage, and quality assure for all aspects of research contracted via the BPNR  1. Communication and research dissemination:  * Publish research reviews based on research streams, BPNR procedures and other relevant topics in peer reviewed journals, on the Web, in technical reports and other media as appropriate * Participate as appropriate in research dissemination and translation, via presentations, publications and others media as appropriate * Support technical content and quality assurance of all communications related to BPNR research * Represent and promote the BPNR with donors, businesses, academic community among others  1. Fundraising and donor accountability:  * Lead and support proposal writing * Support report preparation for donor accountability |
| Key Organizational Relationships   * The Senior Research Advisor, BPNR reports directly to the Director Monitoring, Learning and Research (MLR) * Work closely with BPNR Operations Associate who will support all contracting and administrative requirements for this position * The BPNR Research Manager is expected to participate in all meetings with stakeholders, partners and other where research streams and priorities are discussed * Manage and liaise with external partners and build external stakeholder relationships |

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| Job Requirements |
| Competences (Skills and Attributes)   * In-depth knowledge of nutrition and/or public health, and diverse research methodologies * Strong scientific writing skills (proposals and publications); understanding and experience in evidence translation * Strong project management skills; experience developing and managing budgets for research essential * Very organized, able to manage high pressure deliverables and capable to work independently |
| Experience:   * Substantial experience in research design, implementation, management; hands-on research experience in resource constrained settings essential * Demonstrable publication record; publications directly relevant for knowledge translation * Experience with research within the food industry an asset |
| Education:   * Doctoral level training in nutrition or public health or other relevant field |
| Other Requirements   * Fluency in English essential (written and spoken) |

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