

Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

Job title:	Project Officer, Anbessa Youth Project		
Classification:	Grade 3	Direct reports:	0
Work location	Hawassa, Ethiopia	Travel required:	20%

The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) is a Swiss-based foundation launched at the United Nations in 2002 to tackle the human suffering caused by malnutrition. Due to COVID19, conflict in Ukraine and climate change, malnutrition and hunger have worsened significantly since 2019, reversing a decade of progress. There is growing recognition that our food systems need to change if we are to reverse these trends.

GAIN's Strategy aims to transform food systems to make healthier diets from sustainable food systems accessible to all people and especially those who are most vulnerable to shocks. By 2027, we aim to improve the access of 1.5 billion people to nutritionally enhanced staple foods, improve the access of 25 million people to healthier diets, and support positive food system change in 10 countries. This is bold and complex, and the only way to achieve this is to work together with partners including governments, businesses, and civil society at the country and global level. These goals, and the ways of achieving them, build on our twenty-year legacy of transforming people's lives with improved nutrition through concerted action and effective policy change.

DESCRIPTION
<p>Overall purpose</p> <p>GAIN fights malnutrition in Ethiopia through innovative and sustainable models that increase access to affordable nutritious foods among communities vulnerable to malnutrition. In line with this objective, GAIN implements various programs in Ethiopia and across the Globe. GAIN and partners continue to drive new investments in fortification through global advocacy and generating evidence on the actual and potential contribution of fortification within national nutrition strategies.</p> <p>As part of this endeavor, GAIN, in collaboration with Otsuka Holdings CO., Ltd, will implement the Anbessa Youth project. Otsuka is a holding company, which operates various businesses such as pharmaceuticals, nutraceuticals, consumer products and other businesses through its subsidiaries. The project focuses on school feeding programs that support the development of the pilot test protocol, as well as the monitoring and evaluation of data collection.</p> <p>The postholder will also be responsible for aiding with the goal of improving and implementing nutrition educational topics in schools especially when it comes to newly developed fortified products. The Project Officer works with the project manager, project coordinator and operations teams to support the coordination of project activities. They are involved in core project activities and provide a range support services, including preparation of reports and briefs, coordinating resources, maintaining project documentation, and implementing and monitoring project plans, to ensure project outcomes are achieved on time, on budget, to quality standards and within agreed scope, in line with GAIN's Project Management Guidelines.</p> <p>You will also undertake various administrative tasks; organizing, coordinating, scheduling, and attending meetings with team members, stakeholders, clients, and suppliers.</p>
<p>Tasks and responsibilities</p> <p>Project Management Support and Coordination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage assigned activities in the plan and support the tracking of progress and deliverables from project partners.

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- Under the guidance of the project manager, coordinate and schedule project review meetings at regular cycles and prepare documentation of findings and recommendations in PRISM.
- Liaise with the Project Manager or Project Coordinator on issues of course correction and change requests, escalate, and contribute to resolve any project issues.
- Contribute to the drafting of project documentation during the design, planning and end-to-end implementation of the project as per the GAIN Project Management Guidelines (PMG) i.e results framework, work plans etc.
- Organize & attend meetings related to the school feeding program.
- Carry out follow ups on menu development /adaptation.
- Help in planning, coordination, and implementation of the pilot test with key project stakeholders, working groups for product distribution and coordination.
- Provide support to prepare terms of reference for various tasks to be assigned to 3rd parties / vendors / consultants.
- Understand relevant environment, gender and safeguarding themes and their presence and relevance in project activities.
- Facilitate implementation of project activities in compliance with the policies and best practice standards of GAIN.

Project documentation and reporting

- Be responsible for the regular updating of PRISM to ensure accurate documentation of project/activity progress for project review meetings.
- Source, collate and compile data and information to identify emerging issues; track and report on project progress against established milestones and deliverables
- Prepare and maintain project documentation and PRISM for reporting, monitoring, and evaluation purposes to ensure accessibility of quality information and contribute to the achievement of project outcomes.

Relationship Management

- Under the supervision of the project manager or project coordinator, conduct regular field monitoring visits of the activities conducted under the project by partners. Follow up with partners to ensure timely submission of reports and prepare timely monitoring reports with findings and recommendations.
- Work closely with external suppliers and professional services to facilitate an effective delivery of projects.
- Maintain strong partnerships with civil society, INGOs, government entities, private sector, and other organisations.
- Contribute to a culture of mutual accountable partnership with other teams within GAIN that supports programmes and projects.

Procurement, Payments, and Financial Reporting

- Oversee all administrative aspects of the procurement process including budgeting, procurement supporting with the drafting of agreements and contracts and logistical arrangements within ethical and procurement standards and guidelines.
- Support the project manager or project coordinator in preparing donors' reports in collaboration with project teams, technical teams, funding team and support teams.
- Work closely with the project accountant, monitors the receipt of deliverables and payments to partners, as well as ensure all project related expenses are properly coded to ensure the accuracy of financial reporting.
- Contribute to accurate project budgeting and forecasting processes.
- Process timely payments to consultants and other service providers, ensuring compliance with GAIN procurement policy.
- Perform other duties as assigned by management.

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Key organisational relationships

- Reports to the Project Manager or Project Coordinator
- Close collaboration with country operational staff and project team.
- Liaises regularly with GAIN professional services, Programme Services Team, and Knowledge Leadership teams.
- Vendors and Suppliers, Government, NGOs, Private Sector, and others

JOB REQUIREMENTS

Competencies

- Clear and systematic proactive thinking that demonstrates good judgement, effective problem solving, and creativity.
- Thorough understanding of nutrition, food safety, school feeding, food fortification and food security
- Demonstrate flexibility and openness to change whilst maintaining the ethos and objectives of the work at all times.
- Good interpersonal, communication and influencing skills.
- Excellent writing skills, with analytical capacity and ability to synthesize project outputs and relevant findings for the preparation of quality project reports.
- Some understanding of the gender and protection dynamics of humanitarian and development work, and ability to capture this in the analysis and design of interventions.
- Strong ability to work with diverse groups/individuals, ranging from local partners, local authorities, local community groups, civil society, and the private sector.
- Computer literacy with good Excel, MS Word, Outlook, and Power Point skills and advance knowledge of spreadsheet and database packages, experience in handling of web-based management systems
- Understanding of and commitment to adhere to equity, diversity, gender, child safety and staff health and wellbeing principles

Experience

- Experience in project management.
- Previous experience with business and project administration systems, including financial administration.
- Proven ability to execute administrative tasks in a timely manner.
- (Desirable) Experience in delivering a wide range of project management and support services, within tight deadlines, limited resources, while managing competing priorities.
- Experience working in multi-cultural or international environment desirable.

Education

- Degree or equivalent recognized international accreditation in a project management and/or bachelor's degree in business management, food science, nutrition, international relations, sustainable development, economics, development studies, peace and conflict studies or related field.

Other requirements

- Must be willing and able to travel.
- Fluent written and verbal English
- Knowledge of second language within GAIN's regional offices (desirable)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A competitive remuneration package• Flexible working hours through hybrid working opportunities• Friendly working environment• Professional development opportunities• The chance to make a lasting contribution to reducing global malnutrition