

Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

Job title:	Project Coordinator – Food and Land Use Coalition (FOLU)
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Classification:	Grade 4	Direct reports:	0
Work location	Nairobi, Kenya	Travel required:	30%

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. Working with governments, businesses and civil society, we aim to transform food systems so that they deliver healthier diets for all people, especially the most vulnerable.

Headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, GAIN has offices in countries with high levels of malnutrition: Bangladesh, Benin, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda. To support work in those countries, we have representative offices in the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

At GAIN, we believe that everyone in the world should have access to nutritious, safe, and affordable food. Today, one in three people - drawn from nearly every country on the planet - are unable to consume enough nutritious food. We work to develop and deliver solutions to this daily challenge.

[Food and Land Use Coalition](#) (FOLU) is a self-governed Coalition of organizations and individuals working collaboratively to achieve a shared objective: the urgent transformation of food and land use systems to deliver a better future for people, nature and climate. The coalition seeks to accelerate a transformation of the world's food and land use systems to better protect our natural environment; provide nutritious and affordable food; strengthen resilience and enhance prosperity. We can only achieve our global goals - including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Paris Agreement climate targets and the Convention on Biological Diversity - by transforming how we produce and consume food and how we manage our natural resources. FOLU aims to provide the practical connections, the evidence base for action and a vision for change to drive a food and land use system transformation. FOLU supports science-based solutions and helps to build a shared understanding of the challenges and opportunities to unlock collective and ambitious action.

The Food and Land Use Coalition (FOLU) entered its third phase in 2025, marking the start of an exciting new chapter in our mission to accelerate the sustainable, equitable and resilient transformation of food and land use systems. Following a Coalition-wide development process, FOLU has published its [2030 Strategy](#). It outlines our community's approach to driving outcomes in food and land use systems across four impact areas: i) improving human health and food security; ii) supporting resilient farmer and community livelihoods; iii) reducing and reversing nature loss; iv) addressing climate change.

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DESCRIPTION
<p>Overall purpose</p> <p>FOLU Kenya is jointly hosted by AGRA, GAIN, SDSN and WRI Africa. We work collaboratively with other local organizations and the government. Our vision is to create a country in which sustainable, equitable and resilient food and land use systems enable people and nature to prosper. Our mission is to galvanize diverse leadership, expertise, and solutions for rapid and transformative change in food and land use systems in Kenya. FOLU Kenya has identified key transition areas of focus namely: 1) Sustainable consumption of healthy diets, 2) Productive regenerative agriculture and nature protection, 3) Food loss & waste reduction, Whole-food-system planning and coordination and 4) Cross cutting issues of gender, youth inclusion. We work by focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Partnering with those best-placed to develop and deliver messages regarding food and land use systems transformation within the country's political economy. (b) Working with national partners to develop compelling, evidence-based analyses, strategic land-use planning frameworks, pathways towards sustainable land-use and food systems, and policy recommendations; and (c) Creating platforms and partnership models to encourage multi-stakeholder collaboration, both nationally and globally. <p>The Project Coordinator will deepen the Coalition's ongoing work and serve as a focal point for the FOLU Coalition on strategic engagement and in-depth country work.</p>
<p>Tasks and responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with local partners and the core FOLU Partners to establish and coordinate programmes that build a compelling political, economic, and social case for change, leveraging the coalition's long-term transformation pathways, goals and objectives. • Engage government at national and subnational levels, civil society, the private sector, researchers, and other stakeholders (spanning agriculture, nutrition and health, biodiversity, climate change, and other dimensions of food and land-use systems) to support in design and implementation of long-term strategies for sustainable food systems and land use. • Coordinate the planning and execution of FOLU partnerships meetings and networks events to deliver relevant messages and insights and inspire action-oriented outcomes. • Contribute to the growing international FOLU community and its work streams, e.g. the FOLU Global Report, international meetings, and sharing resources that promote learning. • Translate research into compelling programmatic interventions, communications materials and content aligned with key frameworks and priorities of influential stakeholders (including policymakers). • Draft briefing papers for policymakers and the private sector for increased investments in sustainability actions in food systems. • Develop project concepts and proposals in partnership with coalition members for resource mobilization to continue and expand the FOLU work in Kenya. • Support outreach, speech writing, media pieces and any related materials for information dissemination. • Support the financial management of FOLU Kenya's portfolio, ensuring accountability and effective allocation of resources. • Conduct regular risk assessments for FOLU Kenya's initiatives, identifying potential challenges and developing mitigation strategies to ensure the sustainability and resilience of programs.

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Key organisational relationships

- Reports to the FOLU Kenya Country Director.
- Dotted line reporting to GAIN Deputy Country Director.
- Close collaboration with the other projects and operational staff.
- Government at national and subnational levels, civil society, the private sector and researchers.
- External partners including FOLU Coalition Members and complimenting organizations.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

Competencies

- Knowledge and technological awareness of food and land use systems. Excellent writing skills, with analytical capacity and ability to synthesize project outputs and relevant findings for the preparation of quality project reports.
- Demonstrate flexibility and openness to change and ability to manage complexities whilst maintaining the ethos and objectives of the work at all times.
- Clear and systematic proactive thinking demonstrates good judgement, expert problem solving, and creativity.
- Good interpersonal, communication and influencing skills.
- Diplomacy, tact and negotiation skills.
- Ability to coordinate and influence the formulation, implementation, and dissemination of knowledge and learnings.
- Ability to build and maintain Stakeholder relationships.
- 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
- Highly self-motivated, entrepreneurial style with strong track record in developing new initiatives

Experience

- Proven experience in successfully developing proposals and leading resource mobilization efforts, securing funding from diverse sources to support and expand organizational initiatives.
- Proven experience in Program and project management.
- Experience in capacity building for grantees, public and private sector partners.
- Demonstratable experience within government, NGOs, academia and/or private sector dealing with strategy, multi-stakeholder, high impact partnerships and policy engagements.
- Policy experience, preferably in the food and land-use systems.
- Experience in advanced problem-solving.
- Experience in stakeholder management at senior levels.
- Significant experience in proposal writing and donor liaison work.
- Experience in building coalitions across organizations

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Education

- Degree or equivalent recognized international accreditation in a project management and/or bachelor's degree in business management, international relations, sustainable development, economics, development studies or related field.
- A post graduate degree would be an added advantage

Other requirements

- Full fluency in written and spoken English
- Willing and able to travel

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- 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

Please note that job descriptions cannot be exhaustive, and the post-holder may be required to undertake other duties, which are broadly in line with the above key responsibilities.