

Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

Job Title:	Associate, Food Fortification
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Classification:	D3	Direct Reports:	0
Work Location	London.	Travel Required:	30%

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 Program Services Team and its Food Policy & Financing cluster overseas GAIN’s global and regional food fortification, urban nutrition and innovative finance projects. It focuses on building, improving and sustaining national fortification programs, as well as improving the quality and safety of other nutritious foods (e.g. CSB, complementary foods) at the food processing stage.

GAIN’s food fortification program is critical to help achieve GAIN's vision. GAIN supports national and regional nutrition strategies to integrate this intervention where existing food supplies and limited access fail to provide adequate levels of nutrients in the diet. The consumption of fortified staples and condiments can play a major role in underpinning the prevention of micronutrient deficiencies across entire populations -- particularly in women of reproductive age and adolescent girls -- thus helping to address adequate nutrition during the critical periods of preconception and the 1,000 day window. In addition to providing start-up funding for new programs, GAIN invests in building laboratory capacity and in new innovations in technologies for testing of micronutrients in foods. GAIN will continue to refine its training on good practice models for regulatory monitoring and enforcement and the provision of industry-level QA/QC training to improve fortification compliance. GAIN continues to drive new investments for fortification through global advocacy and generating evidence on the actual and potential contribution of fortification within national nutrition strategies.

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Description
<p>Overall Purpose:</p> <p>The Associate will work closely with the Programme Lead- Food Fortification, Director, Food Policy & Financing, the Program Services Team and the broader organization -- as well as external partners and stakeholders -- to manage the successful delivery of projects with a priority focus in French-speaking regions including Haiti and West Africa and global projects managed out of Brussels.</p>

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Tasks and Responsibilities:

- Provides managerial, policy and technical support to the GAIN’s West Africa Quality Food Project, in collaboration with WFP. Ensures program management, deliver on program commitments follow work plan and Budget.
- Manages the technical inputs on GAIN’s global fortification advisory services contract
- Provides technical assistance to the design and supports country teams to implement fortification projects, in Pakistan and Mozambique.
- Manages the technical inputs on GAIN’s Haiti fortification project
- Provides overall support to write and submit donor and financial reports;
- Supports the Programme Lead, Director and the rest of Program Services Team to identify opportunities for building pipeline and fundraising;
- Helps provide policy support to GAIN’s overall portfolio;
- Support efforts to disseminate findings by writing blogs, articles and other publications on GAIN’s work with a focus on French-speaking regions
- Support preparation and presentation of high quality analysis and research, as required, to support the Initiative in determining future strategic priorities and setting operational plans.
- With Knowledge Leadership team, actively monitors LSFF programs; ensures timely data collection and analyzes their performance, interprets program evaluations to identify implications and implements policy and program actions
- Support building out food safety programming and initiatives.

Key Organizational Relationships

- Reports to the Programme Lead - Food Fortification
- Works closely with other cluster members and across the Program Services Team
- Collaborates with GAIN’s other units, key business streams and country offices.
- Liaises with local partners and executing to ensure optimal project implementation.
- Liaises with network of consultants and experts, who provide technical assistance to the Initiative.

Job Requirements

Competences (Skills and Attributes)

- Good project management skills;
- Proven ability to use initiative, prioritize, multi-task, and work well under pressure to meet deadlines.
- Strong communication skills in multicultural, multi-lingual environments, written and verbal.
- Flexible, goal oriented and willingness and ability to travel.
- IT literate with excellent MS Office skills including advanced Excel and PowerPoint.

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Experience:

- 4+ years in international development
- Proven experience in global and/or national health and nutrition and strong knowledge of food initiatives
- Experience in food safety, large-scale food fortification and universal salt iodization programs will be advantageous
- Experience of working with the private sector
- Experience of forming appropriate platforms for public- private collaboration
- Strong interpersonal skills, ability to work in an international team
- Experience working with international partners including governments, international organizations, and NGOs both at the global and country level
- Comfortable with multi-tasking and operating in a fast paced, multi-faceted, and multi-cultural environment

Competencies:

- Self-management (independence and initiative)
- Team working and partnerships
- Communication and strategic influencing

Education:

- Master's degree in international relations, public health, nutrition, business administration, food science, public policy, or related field.

Other Requirements:

- Excellent communication skills (oral and written) in English and in French.