

The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

Job title:	Project Manager, Supply Chain for Nutritious Food
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Classification:	D4 – Project Manager	Direct reports:	1 - 5
Work location	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Travel required:	Up to 70% within Ethiopia

The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) is a Swiss-based foundation launched at the UN in 2002 to tackle the human suffering caused by malnutrition. Working with both governments and businesses, we aim to transform food systems so that they deliver more nutritious food for all people. In particular, we aim to make healthier food choices more desirable, more available, and more affordable. GAIN's mission is to advance nutrition outcomes by improving consumption of nutritious and safe food for all people, especially the most vulnerable to malnutrition.

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.</p> <p>The Supply Chain for Nutritious Food project is designed to develop innovative solutions that increase the quality of nutritious food for young children, adolescent girls and pregnant and lactating women. This is achieved through the improvement of access to affordable, safe and nutritious dried papaya-based snacks by building a value chain for papaya processing in Ethiopia.</p> <p>The Project Manager will lead the project team in developing affordable, safe and nutritious prototypes of papaya-based products, developing a viable business model as well as a marketing and demand creation strategy. In addition, they will go on to implement the project, ensuring that achievements are monitored and tracked.</p> <p>The Project Manager will also provide an insight into how to strengthen the enabling environment for value addition to fruit processing in Ethiopia.</p>
<p>Tasks and responsibilities</p> <p><u>Project Management</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountable for the overall management of the supply chain for fruit processing project • Plan, implement, monitor and track the project outputs • Streamline the joint grants towards dried papaya processing projects. • Identify and assess project risks. Report on them and develop strategies to address any risks. • Work with the Senior Project Manager, Knowledge and Leadership Team, Global Programme Staff and other internal stakeholders to successfully implement all components of the project

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- Manage reporting staff and consultants.
- Develop reports and other technical documents that align to GAIN, donor and Government requirements.

Policy and Advocacy

- Collaborate with country and global teams to facilitate stakeholder alignment and develop key partnerships between public / Government and private sectors
- Engage with key Government departments, including the standard and regulatory body, to revise, develop, and harmonise policies, directives, standards and guidelines appropriate to the project
- Collaborate with partners to identify influencing agendas, engaging with key opinion leaders, professionals and policy makers on optimal feeding through strengthening fruit processing and mitigating postharvest losses

Project implementation

- Collaborate with other, relevant GAIN departments for contracts, purchase orders and project financial accounts
- Support the project team including GAIN staff and external service providers and suppliers
- Ensure the product safety and quality documents are in place for the selected processors and required technical supports are provided to them accordingly
- Ensure that activities and outputs are achieved in line with the agreed project deliverables
- Track lessons learned, ensuring they are documented and shared in with GAIN country and global teams to ensure continued learning

Key organisational relationships

- Reports to Senior Project Manager
- Project staff
- Staff in the GAIN Ethiopia team
- Global project support team, including KL, finance and HR
- Interaction with key project partners (both private and service providers) and external stakeholders

JOB REQUIREMENTS

Competencies

- Proven project management skills
- Strong communication and negotiation skills
- Able to prioritize, multi-task, and work well under pressure with frequent deadlines.
- Strong facilitation skills
- Analytical, with the ability to effectively liaise with government offices and private business sectors.

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- Proactive with a commitment to quality and accuracy with close attention to detail.
- Basic computer literacy with Excel, MS Word, Power Point skills and other software.

Experience

- Solid experience in similar roles with aligning responsibilities
- Good understanding of food systems
- Experience in project management
- Demonstrated success in working with various partners and service providers in time-bound projects
- Understanding and experience with international development, particularly food systems, agriculture, nutrition and other similar topics.
- Understanding of the role of business in contributing to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Experience working on food processing, food quality and food safety area
- Experience with writing comprehensive reports and development of tools to be used for scaling of projects

Education

- A Master's Degree in Food Science/Food Technology/ a suitable equivalent is required

Other requirements

- A degree/diploma on development study/project management is advantageous
- Fluent written and verbal English is required
- A good command of Amharic
- A willingness and ability to travel

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- Flexible working hours
- Friendly working environment
- Professional development opportunities