

Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

Job title:	Senior Policy Advisor – Food Systems Summit
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Classification:	C6 – Senior Advisor	Direct reports:	0
Work location	Islamabad, Pakistan	Travel required:	As required

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.

The Food Systems Summit will be held in September/October 2021, it is hosted by the UN Secretary General and involving all UN member states. It has a declared focus on system change addressing interconnected challenges: environmental sustainability, planetary boundary limits especially climate change, and increasing inequalities around access to food security and healthy diets. The FSS also takes place in a year which will see the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit in December 2021 in which GAIN is actively involved, and which has a specific focus on nutrition commitment within food systems.

DESCRIPTION
Overall purpose A critical component of the Food Systems Summit will be national planning processes to develop coherent plans. One component of the FSS strategy is a set of food systems dialogues hosted by every member state to this end. The Senior Policy Advisor will be responsible for ensuring that the interventions led by GAIN and by its different partners are coordinated so that overall project and policy milestones and goals are met. They will be expected to provide technical support to project staff as required. The inclusion of nutritious and safe foods as a major theme is well aligned with GAIN's strategy to make nutritious foods more affordable and accessible for all. The FSS is therefore a major opportunity to advance our strategy and merits a special effort to link and align many aspects of our programmes, learning and influencing. Country level participation, through the influencing work led by the Pakistan Country Director and the Senior Policy Advisor, is the key to its success.
Tasks and responsibilities The postholder will lead GAIN's policy work in Pakistan and carry out the following tasks: • Tracking and mapping national preparations for the Food Systems Summit, and the N4G Summit • Act as a technical and organisational resource to support national food systems dialogue/s and other planning mechanisms to develop a national food action plan and/or plans and commitments made at the Summits • Engage in, and where appropriate, contribute and facilitate the preparations for the national commitments • Facilitate GAIN expertise derived from its national programmes and its global expertise into national consultation and planning see [www.gainhealth.org]. • Be the principal country link to the cross-GAIN working group on the Summit

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- Lead on internal communication to educate and inform fellow GAIN colleagues on the objectives of the summit and each GAIN staff member can contribute.
- Integrate and align the Food Systems Summit policy and advocacy work into GAIN's national business plan.

Influencing agenda

- Monitor, attend and engage to represent GAIN, where appropriate, in key national-level and country-level policy fora and meetings.
- Lead on external engagement with key stakeholders in government, private sector, UN, donors and civil society including academia, media, and other development practitioners; to improve support for GAIN's mission and increase resources allocated to nutrition in Pakistan
- Synthesize and disseminate knowledge and evidence from GAIN Pakistan programmes that can help drive the agenda for nutritious and safe food in Pakistan
- Create opportunities to spread key messages arising from GAIN Pakistan programming through e.g. media, social media, and positioning events.
- Support GAIN's in country work on any other food system related influencing objectives.

Key organisational relationships

- GAIN Pakistan Country Director & Country team
- The Policy and Advocacy team
- Food Systems Summit Team
- Programme Services Team, Knowledge Leadership, Communications, Nutrition Connect and implementation focal points
- Key partners including government, communities, private sector, UN, civil society organizations, donors, research institutions

JOB REQUIREMENTS

Competencies

- Excellent understanding of food systems transformation approaches with the ability to leverage this understand to achieve positive outcomes
- Clear and systematic thinking that demonstrates good judgement, expert problem solving and creativity
- Excellent interpersonal communication, writing and presentation skills
- IT literate with full command of MS Excel, Power Point and MS Word and Outlook.
- Understand the Pakistan context, culture, language and dynamics with the ability to translate this into effective working practices.
- Strong team leadership abilities with the ability to motivate and mobilize stakeholders within or outside their reporting line.
- Proactive with a commitment to quality and accuracy with close attention to detail.
- Able to prioritize, multi-task, and work well under pressure.
- Ability to work effectively and independently in a multi-cultural, cross-functional team with a flexible and adaptable approach to work.
- Ability to work collaboratively with a range of different stakeholders from business, farmers, civil society, academia, consumers, etc.

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Experience

- Significant professional experience of policy development and planning work within a government setting that involves public private engagement
- Experience in engaging in food policy dialogue at high levels in local context
- Strong stakeholder management and advocacy experience with the capacity to work closely with national stakeholders to progress the Food Systems Summit influencing agenda and GAIN's Action Track 1 work
- Familiarity with some of GAIN's advocacy tools: Food Systems Dashboard, Enabling Business to Advance Nutrition Index (EBANI), Access to Nutrition Index (ATNI), etc.
- Proven track record in influencing government, donors and others and working with people at high levels
- Experience in a global, multicultural organization preferred.
- Experience in public health and/or nutrition is highly desirable.

Education

- Advanced degree in relevant area e.g. public health or nutrition, business or public administration, public policy or related field or equivalent combination of stakeholder engagement and project management work experience.
- Diploma or equivalent certification in project management or business administration is highly desirable. Preferable: PRINCE2 (Foundation and/or Practitioner), Scrum Master, Agile PM.

Other requirements

- Excellent command of written and spoken English and local language required
- Willingness and ability to travel, within and outside of Pakistan
- Ability to work independently and meet deadlines.
- Existing right to live and work in Pakistan
- Pragmatic, dynamic and autonomous person.

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