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| Job title: | Technical Specialist |

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| Classification: | D4 – Technical Specialist | Direct reports: | 0 |
| Work location | London UK; Washington DC; Nairobi Kenya; Delhi India | Travel required: | Up to 20%  |

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.

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| DESCRIPTION |
| Overall purposeThe overall purpose of this position is to support GAINs efforts to identify, design and/or support with programme implementation and other research and to translate that research for policy makers, programmers and business. This position will support the Workforce Nutrition programme and the SUN Business Network across multiple countries.  |
| Tasks and responsibilitiesUnder supervision of a Senior Technical Specialist, and working with staff from relevant programmatic areas across GAIN, the Technical Specialist (TS) will manage a range of tasks related to program support (nutrition, research, evaluation, experience) and support the development of learning agendas. This will include the integration of implementation research, program process and impact evaluation and the translation of that evidence for decision making among diverse audiences. Examples of tasks will include:* Leading on in-depth literature reviews of specific topics relevant for nutrition and food systems.
* Supporting the project design process, contributing evidence to decision making on design.
* Supporting the development of tools (online and paper-based) to support more effective programme learning including project monitoring, stakeholder engagement, and technical-assistance.
* Liaising with technical partners as necessary to ensure quality and alignment in development of tools for project monitoring and learning activities.
* Supporting the development of Monitoring and Evaluations frameworks for different programmes as needed to ensure consistency in reporting, and collates information across projects for donor reporting
* Liaising with the Program Services team and country teams to ensure that all field activities related to monitoring, learning and evaluation are completed according to the project implementation timeframe and budget.
* Contributing to the development and continual update of research agendas.
* Supporting the development of research protocols, budgets and workplans.
* Actively engaging in research with partners across multiple countries and diverse topics relevant to nutrition broadly and nutrition and food systems specifically.
* Analyzing data and preparing summary tables of results (this may include qualitative and quantitative research methodologies)
* Reviewing reports from research partners and preparing reports to research funders and for diverse technical audiences.
* Participating in research dissemination, supporting and leading the preparation of peer reviewed journal articles, conference abstracts and presentations.
* Supporting research and evidence translation efforts, working closely with colleagues from other units in GAIN through the preparation summaries, briefs, topic overviews and others as needed
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| Key organizational relationships* The Technical Specialist reports directly to the Unit Director.
* The Technical Specialist will form part of the KL team and will be expected to participate in diverse activities to support sharing learnings related recent evidence generally and GAIN-supported research specifically and to take an active role in disseminating such information internally and externally.
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| JOB REQUIREMENTS |
| Competencies* Excellent communication, writing and presentation skills
* Expertise in nutrition and program design
* Strong research design and implementation skills in one of quantitative or qualitative research methods, with working knowledge of both
* Understanding of and experience in evidence translation
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| Experience* Hands-on experience in programmatically relevant research – from design through analysis and dissemination
* Experience in evidence reviews and preparation of research protocols essential
* Hands on experience doing research in low- or middle-income country, in collaboration with the local research counterparts
* Understanding and experience in developing/using program theory tools
* Proposal writing and fundraising experience is highly desirable
* Experience working with private sector is desirable
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| Education* Minimum Masters degree, preferably PhD level training in Nutrition or Public Health with emphasis in nutrition
* In addition, substantial training in epidemiology, economics/ agricultural economics or program evaluation is preferable
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| Other requirements* Excellent fluency in English essential (written and spoken)
* Fluency in a second language an asset
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| WHAT GAIN OFFERS |
| * Flexible working hours
* Friendly working environment
* Professional development opportunities
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