Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

Job title:	Senior Policy Associate

Classification:	D4 - Senior Associate	Direct reports:	0
Work location	Abuja, Nigeria	Travel required:	25%

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

Overall purpose

To ensure continuity of a number of ongoing initiatives such as:

- The strategic support for the full execution of the National Food Consumption and Micronutrient Survey;
- Extending the strategic senior policy advisory support to the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in advancing health and nutrition objectives through agriculture and food systems;
- Advancing the development and early execution of the Nutrition Workforce Strategy for the Agricultural Sector;
- Supporting the development and operationalization of the Nigeria Food Systems Dashboard
- Operationalizing a sector-wide Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for Nutrition and Food Safety in FMARD
- Coordinating the early implementation of actions to ensure the delivery of Nigeria's commitment during the UN Food Systems Summit in September. These initiatives are within the context of implementing the Agricultural Sector Food Security and Nutrition Strategy (2016-2025) both at the national and state levels in Nigeria.

The Senior Policy Associate will contribute to, and support advocacy and capacity building efforts, as well supporting with the implementation of the initiatives that are on-going and those that will emerge during the time frame of the investment.

Tasks and responsibilities
- Support strategy related work as needed for specific geographies – track decision roadmap, develop relevant interpretations for decision making, provide information whenever decision points are reached in the strategy period, conduct landscape analysis, etc.
- Provide technical support to strengthen systems and structures that support the implementation of the Agricultural Sector Food Security and Nutrition Strategy (2016-2025) both at national and state levels.
- Support the development and early implementation of the Agriculture Sector Nutrition Workforce Development Strategy
- Strengthen the Senior Policy Advisory Support in Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and improve sector wide capacity to advance key state and national level food systems priorities for improved health and nutrition outcomes
- Prepare briefs, memos, high profile slide decks, and engage in other content development support (inputs/notes requested by government partners/stakeholders, developing first drafts of Opinion Editorials, writing country memos and country briefs, publication drafts etc.)

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- Provide support for the full execution of the National Food Consumption and Micronutrient Survey, including the review of reports by key stakeholders and its presentation through the survey implementation structure – Technical Advisory Committee, Steering Committee, and the 3 Supervising Ministers.
- Support the Senior Advisor on Food Security and Nutrition in the establishment of contextualized Nigeria Food systems dashboard and support the exploration of funding, partnership, and technical assistance for establishing a Nigerian Food Systems Command Centre.
- Support the continued implementation of the Agricultural Sector Food Security and Nutrition Strategy, especially in Lagos, Kano, and Kaduna states
- Support with engagement around the implementation of Nigeria's commitments at the September UN Global Food Systems Summit
- Facilitate translation of policy decisions into tasks and projects and ensure their effective and timely implementation.
- Compile data, conduct data analysis & synthesize findings for reports, briefs, and for engagement with government and other stakeholders
- Meet urgent data requests that require searching several databases/data sources and reports
- Conduct desk research, literature reviews, and other research analysis
- Support the planning and preparation for high level meetings, events, and trips; prepare reports and follow-up
- Maintain a reference document repository.

Key organisational relationships
- Reports to the Senior Advisor on Food Security and Nutrition
- Regular engagements with donors, government, other supporting organizations.
- Close collaboration with the project teams in GAIN Nigeria

JOB REQUIREMENTS

Competencies
- Ability to conduct desk research, literature reviews, and other research analysis and synthesize findings
- Ability to conduct landscape analysis.
- Strong Analytical and technical skills
- Strong data analysis skills and ability to review data, generate, and present meaningful reports from them
- Excellent communication skills, both oral and written
- Ability to present complex information to non-technical audiences
- Computer literate, with strong PowerPoint presentation skills
- Ability to work within tight time schedules

Experience
- Proven Management Consulting experience in the food and Nutrition sector
- Proven track record in supporting food and nutrition policy dialogue work at high levels, and translating policy decisions into tasks and projects
- Capacity to work closely with national stakeholders to progress the implementation of Nigeria's commitments at the September UN Global Food Systems Summit
- Experience in the food and agriculture space
- Experience with data analysis, visualization, and reporting

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Education
- Bachelor's Degree in Nutrition, Public Health, International Development, Anthropology, Sociology, Economics, or a suitable equivalent.
- Masters' Degree in relevant discipline

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