

Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

Job title:	Project Manager, Commercialization of Biofortified Crops
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Classification:	D4	Direct reports:	1 - 5
Work location	Abuja, Nigeria	Travel required:	Up to 30%

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>The Project Manager will oversee and implement the GAIN and HarvestPlus Commercialization of Biofortified crops in Nigeria.</p>
<p>Tasks and responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-lead, with HarvestPlus, the development of a detailed country level workplan to support the commercialisation of biofortified crops in Nigeria, clarifying how GAIN and HarvestPlus will ensure impact, scale, and sustainability in a small number of strategically selected geographies and for a defined basket of biofortified crops. • Identify new partners for GAIN and HarvestPlus to collaborate with for impact. • Maintain a fluid and positive communication with HarvestPlus counterparts always. • Provide technical oversight to the implementation of activities that bring biofortified crops to scale through commercialization activities. • Ensure that all project activities are completed in coordination and concert with HarvestPlus counterparts in Nigeria • Oversee the implementation of project workplans and ensure projects deliver on time and within budget. • Liaise with the partnership donors in Nigeria • Contribute country and GAIN specific information for donor reporting. • Work closely with GAIN's Knowledge Leadership and HarvestPlus' MEL groups to ensure monitoring, evaluation and learning takes place within the commercialization activities • Represent the GAIN/HarvestPlus commercialization partnership at national technical meetings and workshops • Participate in international conferences, meetings and consultations relevant to promoting the project as requested. • Contribute towards the development of new business opportunities for GAIN and HarvestPlus to generate additional funding for the commercialization of biofortified crops in Nigeria. • Lead the recruitment of key GAIN staff (direct reports) in Nigeria

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Key organisational relationships

- The Project Manager will report directly to the Senior Project Manager, Supply Chains working closely with other project colleagues and implementing partners as required for the agreed upon activities.
- Line management responsibility for the Junior Associate, Commercialisation of Bio Fortified Crops
- The Project Manager will work closely with the Senior Project Manager, Supply Chains and other members of the program services team (PST) to draw in technical and design skills to help build the program and ensure quality implementation and monitor of progress against the GAIN and HarvestPlus partnerships performance indicators.
- The Project Manager will work closely with other members of the GAIN Nigeria country team
- The Project Manager will work closely with colleagues at HarvestPlus in Nigeria to ensure full alignment of partnership activities in country.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

Competencies

- Proven project management capabilities
- Proven ability to use initiative, prioritize, multi-task, and work well under pressure to meet deadlines.
- Clear and systematic thinking that demonstrates good judgment, problem solving, and creativity.
- Excellent project coordination, management, negotiation, and advocacy skills.
- Strong communication skills in multi-cultural, multi-lingual environments (written and verbal).
- Flexible, with a willingness and ability to travel in challenging environments.
- Excellent report-writing skills
- High level of professionalism and integrity
- IT literate with excellent MS Office skills.
- Ability to operate within the private and public sectors to effectively liaise with food enterprises, development agencies, and governments at senior level.

Experience

- Substantive professional experience directly or indirectly related to marketing foods and supply chains and international development, including implementation of market-based agricultural or nutrition programs and projects.
- Demonstrated excellence in written/verbal communications, research, writing, and analytical ability.

Education

- University level degree in a relevant field such as supply chain management, business and marketing, food technology, development studies, economics, agricultural development, or other relevant technical field.

Other requirements

- Professional proficiency in English is required

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