

Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

Job title:	Technical Specialist, Knowledge Leadership
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Classification:	Grade 4 - Technical Specialist	Direct reports:	0
Work location	New Delhi, India, Dhaka, Bangladesh, or Abuja, Nigeria	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. Food fortification is critical to help achieve GAIN's vision. GAIN supports national and regional nutrition strategies to integrate this intervention where existing food supplies and limited access fail to provide adequate levels of nutrients in the diet.

Globally, the Knowledge Leadership (KL) team provides support across all programmatic areas within GAIN, working with programme teams to bring nutrition and related expertise into programme design and delivery and leading on the development and use of learning agendas to inform programme progress and impact. The KL team supports the implementation and dissemination of research, evaluation and learning activities in support of the country and global programme teams implementing the large-scale food fortification programme.

From 2022-2025, GAIN will be leading a digital quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) project, which consists of the co-creation, design, test and scale up with partners of a digital, field-friendly, replicable solution that enables mills and regulators to produce and access traceable data on food fortification quality while also supporting data quality, knowledge management, technical assistance, and standards for large-scale food fortification. The project will be carried out in Bangladesh, India, and Nigeria.

DESCRIPTION
<p>Overall purpose</p> <p>The Technical Specialist, Knowledge Leadership will support the implementation of multiple research, evaluation, learning, and knowledge management activities related to GAIN's efforts to digitize fortification quality and strengthen enabling environments under the digital QA/QC project.</p>
<p>Tasks and responsibilities</p> <p><u>Research and programme support</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement the research, evaluation, learning, and knowledge management activities under the digital QA/QC project, including designing research questions and methodology, developing research plans, and interacting with partners and contractors as needed to carry out the activities • Support the implementation of high-quality, technically sound research activities in alignment with GAIN and other relevant research good practice guidelines • Carry out literature reviews, stakeholder consultations, evidence synthesis, and other desk activities from development of the approach through to implementation, report writing, and publication/dissemination.

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- Support in-country field implementation of research, evaluation, learning, and knowledge management activities, including visiting study sites and interacting with project partners (e.g., implementing partners, consultants, contractors) to ensure timely and quality progress.
- Carry out rigorous analyses on quantitative (and to a lesser extent qualitative) data and develop data visualizations and formatting for oral and written dissemination
- Contribute to or lead the development of project reports and other knowledge products, including research articles, briefings, presentations, and associated tables/figures.
- Support periodic and donor reporting on the results frameworks and alignment with monitoring systems (e.g., indicators, tools and processes).
- Support the KL and LSFF teams to liaise with partners on research and other project activities to ensure a smooth and appropriate collaboration.
- Provide technical support to other programming areas as needed.

Key organisational relationships

- Research Advisor, Senior Project Manager, KL (reporting line)
- Forms part of the KL Team
- Works closely with the large-scale food fortification country and global programme teams

JOB REQUIREMENTS

Competencies

- Solid technical expertise in nutrition, public health, or food systems (or closely related domains)
- Knowledge of nutrition and food systems relevant to GAIN's programming areas and quantitative and qualitative research methods
- Skills in research methods (e.g., design, implementation, data analysis, and dissemination) essential
- Ability to integrate and interpret data from both quantitative and qualitative approaches
- Understanding of gender dynamics in low- and middle-income countries as they related to food production and choices is an asset
- Ability to visualize and communicate data and research outcomes for diverse audiences
- Ability to take initiative, prioritize, work on multiple assignments, and work well under pressure to meet deadlines
- Ability to liaise with contractors to deliver high-quality results under short deadlines
- Systematic thinking that demonstrates good judgment, expert problem solving, and creativity
- Excellent organization, planning, and time management skills
- Strong communication and cultural competency skills to work in multicultural environments

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Experience

- Sound professional experience in relevant research, program monitoring and/or evaluation, and knowledge mobilization areas
- Experience in designing, implementing, and managing research related to nutrition, public health, agriculture, and/or relevant domains, ideally including field data collection such as surveys
- Experience working with both quantitative and qualitative or mixed methods research would be an advantage
- Experience with data analysis, visualization and reporting
- Experience working across disciplines and in coordination with multiple partners preferred

Education

- Minimum master's level training in nutrition, public health, agriculture or other relevant field

Other requirements

- Fluency in written and spoken English required

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