

## General

Question	Answer
When is the deadline to submit our application?	The deadline is Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2026, 18:00 CET

## Activity 1: Literature review

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I would like to ask whether it is acceptable to submit a proposal as an individual consultant rather than through an organisation.	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The RFP mentions LMICs; does that also include countries in South and Latin America? (1)</li> <li>- One of the sub-questions is: 'How do approaches differ between jobs created within enterprises (both large and SMEs), and through entrepreneurship?' Does that mean the differences between being employed by others and being self-employed? (2)</li> <li>- Regarding the question: 'What evidence exists on job creation approaches that effectively include women and other vulnerable groups (e.g., people with disabilities, internally displaced persons), and which types of jobs are most suitable and attractive for these groups?' Does the word 'evidence' relate to 'proven impact' in this context? (3)</li> <li>- Does GAIN have access to a paid library service that the consultant can tap into, or does the proposed budget need to include costs of purchase of relevant articles in paid journals? (4)</li> </ul>	<p>(1) Yes, it can as there may be a lot of useful evidence that is relevant for settings in Africa or Asia. Just be clear from where the evidence has emerged.</p> <p>(2) Yes</p> <p>(3) Yes but it can also include other forms of evidence like case studies, formative or descriptive research expanding into the grey literature as well.</p> <p>(4) No we don't, so the consultant would need to include it in their budget. Please note, GAIN encourages the use of publicly available evidence/knowledge resources.</p>
What is the minimum number of articles/reports that should be reviewed?	There is no minimum number because it depends on the body of evidence coming out of our search terms. We recommend looking at guidelines for literature reviews and prioritize papers with stronger methodologies (meta-analysis or already existing systematic reviews).

## Activity 2: Job creation pathways

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Before finalizing our submission, we wanted to kindly check whether there are any additional requirements, expectations, or documentation that bidders should be aware of beyond what is outlined	The RFP sets out the main expectations and criteria. We do want to ensure a good fit between the service provider for activities 1

in the TORs, particularly in relation to eligibility, team composition, or submission requirements.	and 2, so will look at complementarity of skills.
Who is the expected user (beneficiaries) of the job creation pathways?	GAIN staff to help develop our internal strategy on job creation in food systems
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First, is it possible to apply for the literature review alone, rather than for both RFPs? I assume so. (1)</li> <li>- Is it encouraged to use AI in combination with manual methods for the literature review? (2)</li> <li>- Could you send me the offer of services for each as a separate document? (3)</li> <li>- Are there methods you would recommend for creating the job creation pathway? Are there examples of similar work you might point me toward? (4)</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Yes. Qualified organizations or individuals can apply for either or both the RFP 'Literature Review on Job Creation and Livelihoods in Food Systems' and the RFP 'Job Creation Pathways Framework Development' if they have the required skillset.</li> <li>2) The bidder is expected to propose their detailed methodologies for the literature review in the technical proposal. This includes the use of AI.</li> <li>3) We recommend you to save the last page of the RfP as a separate file</li> <li>4) At this time, we are not able to give specific examples. The results from literature review be used to inform the pathway framework development. However, the bidder is expected to propose the methods for creating the pathway.</li> </ol>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- According to section III instruction to bidders, "A submission, of no more than 10 PowerPoint slides or 10 sides of A4" what does this mean? Should we interpret it as a Word document nor more than 10 pages of A4? (1)</li> <li>- According to section II, will bidders who have submitted both this and the "Job-Creation-Pathways-Framework-Development-RFP" score higher/better? (2)</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Correct, the word document should not exceed 10 pages.</li> <li>2) Not necessarily. We are looking for a certain skillset for both RFPs. Our preference is to find a service provider that meets our criteria. All submissions will be scored against the same criteria regardless of whether they have applied for one RFP or both.</li> </ol>