

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

EMERGENCY GRANT TO MAINTAIN OR PROVIDE SHORT TERM PROVISION OF NUTRITIOUS FOODS TO VULNERABLE WORKERS IN INDIA

Grant/Project Implementation to provide nutritious food to food system workers.

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ABOUT GAIN

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. At GAIN, we believe that everyone in the world should have access to nutritious and safe food. We work to understand and deliver specific solutions to the daily challenge of food insecurity faced by poor people. By understanding that there is no “one-size-fits-all” model, we develop alliances and build tailored programmes, using a variety of flexible models and approaches. We build alliances between governments, local and global businesses, and civil society to deliver sustainable improvements at scale. We are part of a global network of partners working together to create sustainable solutions to malnutrition. Through alliances, we provide technical, financial and policy support to key participants in the food system. We use specific learning, evidence of impact, and results of projects and programmes to shape and influence the actions of others.

BACKGROUND

The COVID-19 virus, and the control responses to it, threaten the society with secondary effects of increased food prices, food shortages and civil unrest, and exacerbate existing inequalities (based on, for example, income, gender, and ethnicity). In response to this global pandemic, GAIN has developed an umbrella programme ‘Keeping Food Markets Working (KFMW)’ to provide targeted support to help sustain core food systems, workers, and markets in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs), especially in Africa and Asia which face potentially catastrophic supply and demand disruption. The programme has five key priority areas, **‘the workplace nutrition protection for food system workers and their families’** being one of them.

WORKPLACE NUTRITION PROTECTION FOR WORKERS

As part of the initiative to provide nutrition protection for workers; GAIN has set-up a flexible fund for short-term emergency grants to partner companies and development organizations to maintain or provide short term provision of nutritious foods. The grant is meant to be spent for supporting free or subsidized provision of nutritious foods to workers, and/or their family members for 1-6 months to alleviate immediate food and nutrition security issues exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Grants would be administered through interested companies/development organizations/NGOs.

Eligible grant proposals could include free or subsidized provision of nutritious foods like fortified foods, fruits, vegetables, dairy products, pulses, and eggs, etc. Foods can be delivered through vouchers, as take-home rations, cooked meal, or other options, but as proposed by the grantee. Grants will be used for the procurement of foods and the related cost of distribution. Where applicable and lacking, messaging around the protection of workers (hygiene and handwashing, health, and nutrition) will be provided to grantees upon request and in line with local government guidance. Gender must be considered in terms of the number of female workers reached and allowances for women in the work environment with other time constraints such as childcare, breastfeeding, pay rates, etc.

ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS

- The grant is open to small, medium, and large registered food companies employing more than 500 workers. Since for-profit companies may not be eligible to accept donations; such organizations can partner/submit a joint proposal with eligible NGO having an active FCRA certificate.

- Voluntary organization/NGOs working with farmers, or vulnerable workers in the food supply chain are eligible to apply, provided such organizations can provide reasonable evidence of working with farmers or workers involved in food systems.

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLY

Interested grantees should use the 'Food and Nutrition Security' grant application form in the link (hyperlink to application form). Detailed guideline on types of nutritious food that can be purchased with the grant can be found in the ANNEXURE of the application form.

The completed application must be submitted to bkaur@gainhealth.org by EOD on **13th December, 2020**.

Applications will be evaluated by the GAIN team. Promising applications that fit the objectives will be selected for the next stage of the process. Proposals that have components of co-funding or supplementing existing nutrition initiatives will be preferred. Questions related to solicitation of this application must be emailed to bmushahary@gainhealth.org

RIGHTS OF REJECTION

GAIN reserves the right to reject any or all submissions or to cancel or withdraw this call for application for any reason and at its sole discretion without incurring any cost or liability for costs or damages incurred by any applicant, including, without limitation, any expenses incurred in the preparation of the submission. The applicant acknowledges and agrees that GAIN will not indemnify the applicant for any costs, expenses, payments or damages directly or indirectly linked to the preparation of the submission.

REFERENCES

GAIN reserves the right, before awarding the grant, to require the applicant to submit such evidence of qualifications as it may deem necessary, and will consider evidence concerning the financial, technical and other qualifications and abilities of the applicant.