



# GAiN Project Application

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You will need to complete and submit this form in one-sitting. We have provided a PDF version of the application form so that you can review and consider you answers before submission of your application.

## **Your Personal Details** (names as on passport)

Title

First Name

Middle Names (s)

Surname

Preferred Name

Address

Postcode

Mobile/Contact Phone Number

Email Address

Nationality

Date of Birth

## **Emergency Contact** (for the duration of the project)

Name

Relationship to you

Address

Postcode

Telephone (day)

Telephone (eve)



## **Criminal Convictions**

If you are given a place on a project with GAIN you will be required to have a DBS check. If you have a current DBS certificate AND you are registered with the Update Service please see the information below on what to do. If you do not have a valid DBS certificate you will be sent details on how to apply for one as a volunteer through Agape.

Have you at any time been convicted of or charged with any criminal offence? Yes/No

If you answered Yes, please provide a short description below.

Do you have a current DBS certificate that is registered with the Update Service?

Yes, I give permission for Agape to perform a status check with the Update Service and I will send the original copy of my certificate to GAIN c/o Agape 167 Newhall Street Birmingham B3 1SW

No, please email me with the details on how to apply for a DBS Certificate as a volunteer through Agape

**Team T-Shirt** GAIN will provide you with a team t-shirt for the project.

Please indicate which size you would like: Small / Medium / Large / X-Large

## **Physical Condition**

It is important to realize that living and working conditions in the host country are dramatically different from those in the UK. Project days are normally long and outdoors and require good health and stamina from each of the project participants. Please be aware that it is likely you will be sharing a room with others on your team.

The purpose of these questions is to help us make an informed decision about what is best for you and the project as a whole so it is important that you provide us with honest and comprehensive answers. The information you share is kept confidential within the application processing team and relevant details passed onto your project leaders. If you would rather discuss any of your answers over the phone with one of the team you can indicate this by ticking the box provided. If there are any medical conditions that may prevent you from participating in aspects of the project you will need to make us aware of them at the time of accepting your place on the project.

Do you have any particular conditions which may affect you or your team on the project? If yes, please include details below. (i.e. serious allergies requiring medication, back or balance problems, poor eyesight/hearing)



Please list any medications you are currently taking. Can you bring enough to last the project? Does your medication need to be refrigerated?

Do you have/had any mental health or emotional issues of which we should be aware?

Do you have any food allergies of which we need to be aware?

If known to you please include your blood group.

Tick here if you would like a phone call to discuss your answers in this section.

### **Interest & Motivation**

How did you hear about the project?

What motivated you to apply? Why would you like to be part of this overseas project?

What values/beliefs do you have that shape how you view the world? These might come from your upbringing, cultural background or context in which you live, work and spend your leisure time.

What strengths do you have that you can bring the project team?

Please list any current skills or training that you've received that could contribute to your team's work in country. (i.e. construction/DIY skills, playing an instrument, working with children.)

### **Team Experience**

Please comment on your experience of working in a team environment, giving specific examples where possible.

On a project of this nature there can often be unexpected changes in the schedule. How do you typically react when a situation is ambiguous, unpredictable, out of your control or doesn't go as planned? (Please include an example in your answer.)

How do you typically respond to constructive criticism from others?

Briefly describe any cross-cultural experiences you have had outside your home country, including any previous volunteering experiences.

As we put together the project team, we would love to know about your goals and expectations for your time with GAIN. This will help our project leaders in making their plans. Briefly outline your personal goals and expectations.

Please share what you see as the biggest challenge for you in coming on this project.



## Statement of Commitment

Please read through the following statements carefully. If you cannot sign these statements of commitment or have any questions please talk to your local GAIN contact or call 0121 765 4404 and ask to speak with a member of the GAIN team in the office.

In participating in a GAIN UK project, I agreed to be committed to the following:

I am willing to be committed to the team, to work together in stressful situations, to put the needs of the team above my own, and to resolve any conflicts that develop during the course of my involvement in the project.

I am willing to follow the instructions and direction of the project leaders and not enter into a discussion that will impact on the safety and security of myself and the rest of the team.

I am willing to adjust any personal or social habits that would build walls or be an obstacle to the work of the project as deemed necessary by the leadership of the project and our local partners. (e.g. drinking, smoking, certain clothing or starting a dating relationship with another participant whilst on project).

The participants on this project will all come from diverse backgrounds and beliefs. I am willing to be sensitive to the different beliefs of others on the team and those with whom we are working. I will be open and willing to engage in team discussions.

I understand that the nature of this project means that activities can change at the last minutes and I am willing to be flexible and respond to the needs of the local situation.

- I agree to all the requirements stated herein and to the best of my knowledge the answers that I have given in this application form are true and complete. I also realize that if anything I have written here is found to be incorrect it is possible that I could be sent home from the project at my own expense.