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EXPERTISE:

Political Economist. Jindra Čekan/ová, Ph.D. has spent 33 years listening to aid participants and policy makers, villagers, implementers and ministers in Africa, Central/ Latin America and the Balkans. She created [Valuing Voices](#) and [Sustained and Emerging Impacts Evaluations](#) 6 years ago.

EDUCATION:

- **Ph.D. / M.A.L.D.** The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University 1994, 1990 Thesis: "Listening to One's Clients: a Political Analysis of Mali's Famine Early Warning Systems"
- **University of Cambridge, Research Associate** (UK) and **Pew Charitable Trust Fellow** 1990-92
- **B.A.** Gettysburg College: Economics and Political Science 1983

REGIONAL EXPERTISE:

- **Africa:** *Anglophone:* Ethiopia, the Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. *Francophone:* Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Senegal;
 - **Latin America/ Caribbean:** Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras and Peru;
 - **Europe:** Albania, Armenia, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Kosovo, Macedonia, United Kingdom.
- Languages:** Bilingual English & Czech (FSI 5/5), proficient French (FSI 3S/3R), basic Spanish (FS1)
Dual Citizenship: USA and Czech Republic (EU).

Valuing Voices at Cekan Consulting LLC *Catalyst/ President* 2013-present
Sustainable Solutions for Excellent Impacts. Research, Monitoring and Evaluations, Publications, Presentations in US, Europe and Africa, blog, research and publications: <http://www.valuingvoices.com/>

POST PROJECT EVALUATIONS: Ex-Post, Emerging and Projected Sustainability

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, India 2020
Sustainability Advisor to Sambodhi for Policy, Advocacy and Communication BMGF Health Investments.

American Red Cross, International Services 2018-19
Benchmarking of Exit and Sustainability Strategies to inform the AmRC global Graduation Strategy.

Terre Des Hommes Italia in Bangladesh 2018-19
Evaluated ex-post lessons for partners serving adolescent migrants, developed exit strategy/ sustainability plan for last quarter before close-out with Valuing Voices team member Hasan.

Lutheran World Relief, Grape Value Chain Ex-post Project Evaluation (Tanzania) 2018
Designed, managed and co-led with Valuing Voices team member Kagendo this agricultural grape production, marketing and cooperative strengthening project evaluation 3 years post-closure

USAID E3 Basic Education, MSI Case Study Research Lead, Ex-post Evaluation (Uganda) 2016-7
Designed and implemented an evaluation of sustained outcomes of USAID-funded primary education project in Uganda, leading four researchers and experts with Palladium. It was part of a four-country comparative study. Taking a systems approach, evaluated sustained outcomes 15 years later.

Catholic Relief Services Team Lead, Ex-post Sustainability Evaluation (Zimbabwe) 2016
Led team of qualitative and quantitative evaluators to assess sustainability of an African agriculture and livelihoods project targeting 100,000 people. Evaluating sustained and emerging impacts 2 years post.

Catholic Relief Services, Post-Project Evaluation Consultant (Niger) 2015
Led a mixed-method [post-project evaluation, three-years post-project closeout of CRS Niger's](#) Nutritional and Food Security Program (PROSAN). Researched sustained outcomes, uptake by national partners and emerging impacts among participants of this highly sustainable food security project 3 years later.

Federation of the Red Cross/ Red Crescent M&E and Sustainability Consultant (Ethiopia) 2014
Evaluated Ethiopian Red Cross' Society (ERCS) food security project in Tigray on NRM. credit, health

knowledge, by gender for impact and sustainability in last quarter. Led ex-post self-sustainability team of six, trained staff, did presentations at meetings with 50 stakeholders to shape scale-up.

Lutheran World Relief, *Participatory Rural Appraisal M&E Consultant* (Niger) 2006-10
Created, conducted community-based participatory M&E system assessment and evaluation for Gates Foundation-funded drought relief for 4,000 women's pastoralists, final evaluation 6 months after closeout with lessons about sustainability and unexpected outcomes. Published in IIED's [PLA Notes](#).

GLOBAL MONITORING & EVALUATION CONSULTING:

USAID PPL/LER (Policy, Planning, Learning Bureau, Office of Learning Evaluation and Research), *Organizational Learning Direct Consultant* (USA) 2012-13
Supported Organizational Learning at USAID/ HQ and field. Designed and trained team in Appreciative Inquiry (AI) process doing 100+ qualitative interviews of USAID/ HQ staff technical and regional learning products and processes adapting AI to [Discovery, Design, Discussion, Dissemination and Determination](#). Interviewed 22 Missions, wrote up M&E and Learning report on best practices on evaluation and performance monitoring platform contracts. [Discussion note](#) 2013.

Global Giving *Consultant, Well-constructed Collaborative Evaluative Experiments* (USA) 2014
Created and led session for 30 staff based on surveys, interviews on research methods

ITECS Innovative Consulting, *Project Design/ Evaluation Consultant* (East Africa) 2012-14
Consulted on project design/ proposal development, providing technical advice for Maternal Child Health linking, African NGOs, a large international for-profit medical device corporation and US donors.

InterMedia, *Health Policy Evaluative Researcher and M&E Consultant*(USA, Global) 2012, 2010
Interviewed 12 African, Asian and American senior experts and national policy makers on international health policy for The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation report. Did M&E analysis for among high-level policy makers in Ghana, Kenya and Zambia. Analyzed data and wrote recommendations report.

Johns Hopkins University Knowledge for Health, *Evaluation Consultant* (USA, Global) 2010
Led research team to improve eLearning practices for public health, analyze existing data from 35 international public health eLearning courses, survey a subset of 15,000 eLearning users.

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Sanitation & Hygiene Advocacy, *Researcher* (World) 2009
Created and led team to evaluate [advocacy around sanitation and hygiene](#) in 10 countries. Over 100 interviews of senior public, non-profit and industry experts to inform Foundation and partners' priorities. Recommendations including gender analysis. Presented to key Foundation HQ staff with Data Harvest.

World Vision, SP&NK ICB Evaluation & Assessment, *Consultant* (USA, Global) 2008
Evaluated impact of the training and work-plan process including staff's food security knowledge, including international cross fertilization and best practices from 10 global programs plus HQ staff.

Save the Children USA, *Consultant/ Principal Interviewer and Evaluator* (Africa) 2005-06
Facilitated the Integration of Food Security and HIV/AIDS. Gave technical assistance in East and Southern Africa to integrate of food aid and HIV/AIDS, made knowledge sharing recommendations.

GRANTS, UNIVERSITY TEACHING/ FELLOWSHIPS:

- **Michael Scriven's Faster Forward Fund** post-project evaluation research grant 2017
- **The Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Tufts University** Adjunct Asst Profr. (USA) 1994
- **Harvard University** (USA) Head Teaching Asstt, Faculty of Arts & Sci. 1992-94
- **PhD Fellowships: African Studies Centre, University of Cambridge, UK** 1990-91
- **Pew Charitable Trust & The Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy Fellowships** 1990-2, 1993-4

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS and BOARD MEMBERSHIPS and HONORS:

- **[University of Cambridge Advisory Mentor](#)** for the Queen's Young Leaders and University of Cambridge in the Czech Republic Alumni Association 2018-20
- **[KUSARD, Decent Living](#)** (Kenyan NGO Board Advisor and donor) 2004-20
- **American, European and Czech Evaluation Associations** member and speaker 2005-now
- **Harvard University** Faculty of Arts & Sciences Certificate of Distinction in Teaching 1993-94

PUBLICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS: <http://valuingvoices.com/publicationsspeeches/>