

Clear Horizon

CURRICULUM VITAE

Elena Robertson, Senior Consultant



Overview of Expertise

Elena is a MEL and GEDSI specialist with significant experience in the international development sector and technical skills in MEAL, project management, research and policy. Before immigrating to Australia, Elena spent several years working in Vietnam and Cambodia. She has thematic expertise and passion for gender equity and LGBTIQ+ inclusion and a strong focus on systems change, capacity building and mutual learning, and working as part of diverse teams.

Qualifications

2016 - 2018 Master of Development Studies (Gender Stream), First Class Honours, University of Melbourne

2009 - 2013 Bachelor Of Arts, Diplomacy And World Affairs, Occidental College, California

Training

- Climate Essentials, Professional Short Course, ICEDS ANU 2024
- Most Significant Change Evaluation, Clear Horizon Academy, 2021
- Introduction to Sexual & Gender Minorities in Humanitarian and Development Programs, Edge Effect 2018
- Financial Management for Development Professionals, Humentum 2018

Professional Experience

MEL, Program Management and Design

- Provided ongoing strategic MERLA support to DT Global on evaluation processes for the DFAT funded Tonga-Australia Support Platform (ongoing)
- Developed M&E Plan to align with the Strategic Plan and contributed to a Point in Time Review for the National Centre for Excellence in Child Sexual Abuse
- Coordinated Devt900335: Monitoring and Evaluation in Development Studies as part of the Master of Development Studies at University of Melbourne, lecturing and leading workshops for more than 100 masters-level students
- Managed a philanthropic-funded multi-stakeholder project investigating the barriers for women, young people, and children experiencing family violence and homelessness to access crisis and emergency accommodation in Victoria, Australia

- Designed, implemented, and analysed qualitative research and evaluation tools, including surveys, focus group discussions, and Lived Experience Consultations as part of diverse projects across family violence, homelessness, international development, and humanitarian systems
- Managed a multi-partner action research and evaluation project to design, implement, and evaluate online behaviour change programs for LGBTQ+ men and for men in rural, regional, and remote areas of Australia, resulting in successful receipt of a second round of funding to implement evaluation recommendations
- Led the design of and relevant capacity building to implement an internal MEL plan for the Sexual Violence Research Initiative
- Led the development of a sector-first LGBTIQ+ Rapid Assessment Tool for use in humanitarian and development contexts, including a pilot in Cox’s Bazar as part of a multi-country action research project funded by UN Women-Asia
- Technical advice for all levels of government on perpetrator interventions for men who use violence in Australia
- Supported the implementation and continuation of the internal MEL Framework at International Women’s Development Agency
- Supported the re-design of the multi-country WAVE Strategy as part International Women’s Development Agency’s Pacific Programs portfolio

Positions held

Current	Senior Consultant, Clear Horizon, Australia
2024 – current	Senior Policy Officer–Family Violence Project, Council to Homeless Persons
2024 – 2025	Associate Senior Consultant, Day Four Projects
2024	M&E in Development Studies, Subject Coordinator, University of Melbourne
2021 – 2024	Policy and Research Manager, No to Violence
2021 – 2022	Monitoring and Evaluation Mentor, Sexual Violence Research Initiative, South Africa (Australian Volunteers Program)
2019 – 2021	Program Specialist (Research, Policy, and Practice), Edge Effect
2018 – 2019	Research, Policy, and Advocacy Coordinator, International Women’s Development Agency
2014 – 2016	Development Support Officer, Angkor Hospital For Children, Cambodia

Selected Publications

CHP. [“Response to the Minimum Standards for Rental Properties and Rooming Houses.”](#) 2024.

No to Violence. “Submission to Exposure Draft—Family Law Amendment Bill.” 2023. [Family Law Amendment.](#)

Edge Effect. “The Only Way is Up: Monitoring and Encouraging Diverse SOGIESC Inclusion in the Humanitarian and DRR Sectors.” [Report for UN Women.](#)

Robertson, E. “The Taboo of Sex Within Gender Based Violence Prevention: Localising the GAD Paradigm in Cambodia.” *Journal of International Women’s Studies.* 20: 3 (2019). 74-87.