

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Grace Asten, Senior Consultant



#### Overview of Expertise

Grace is an international development professional with 15 years' experience in the international aid and not-for-profit sectors, where she has led a large volume of participatory, place-based, and collaborative design, monitoring, evaluation, and learning (DMEL) initiatives.

Grace has extensive experience in Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL), having designed and implemented MEL frameworks for humanitarian and international development programs, contributed to meta-evaluations, and supported organisational strategy. She specialises in collaborative, participatory, and place-based evaluation approaches and has led capacity building in evaluation, particularly in the Pacific, where she champions localisation. Grace has applied DFAT M&E Standards through work on DFAT-funded programs, the EIS Helpdesk with Bluebird Consultants, and as an independent validator for the 2024 and 2025 FIMR process. Beyond evaluation, she provides technical support in localisation of humanitarian response, disability inclusion, gender and social inclusion, and contexts where faith-based perspectives are culturally significant.

#### Qualifications & Training

Current	Working with Children Check, VIC
2024	Clear Horizon Academy: Applied Theory of Change; Most Significant Change
2019	Master of Evaluation
2019	Master of Social Science (International Development)
2015	Partnership Brokers Association
2007	Bachelor of Arts
2010	Diploma of Government

#### Project Experience

##### Evaluation projects and technical consultancies



- 2025 Evaluation of Walking the Talk: Shifting Power, Innovation and Enhanced Agility to Displacement, Global Program, for Australian INGO Act for Peace.
- 2025 & 2024 Bluebird Consultants: Independent Validator for DFAT FIMR Process (Final Investment Monitoring Report). Review of life of investment evidence of DFAT investments against technical FIMR ratings scale, providing written report and interviews with DFAT staff on request.

- 2024-2025 Bluebird Consultants: DFAT Evaluation Improvement Strategy Helpdesk. Specialisation in MEL, disability, gender, education and humanitarian technical support.
- 2024 Australian Anglican Church, Families and Culture Commission: Design of Theory of Change and Monitoring Framework for Australia-wide National Domestic and Violence Response Program.
- 2024 Private Philanthropic Trust: Impact Assessment and Evidence Review
- 2024 Act for Peace Australia: Design MEL Framework for Mekong Partnership Program proposal.
- 2023 Humanitarian Advisory Group: DFAT Myanmar Humanitarian Package Meta Report.
- 2021 CAN DO (Church Agency Network Disaster Operations): Collaborative Review of Consortium Strategy; analysis of learning insights across programmatic and organisational MEL processes.
- 2021 CAN DO: Collaborative design and facilitation of CAN DO Consortium Theory of Change for strategic period 2021 – 2026, and supporting Monitoring Framework.
- 2021: CAN DO: Evaluation lead for Tonga Cyclone Response, locally led evaluation.
- 2020-21 CAN DO: Technical support for design of Monitoring Framework for the Theology of Disaster Response in a Changing Climate (TDRCC).
- 2020 CAN DO: Design of COVID-19 response portfolio, including technical DMEL input.
- 2020-2021 CAN DO: DMEL Lead for all consortium-wide MEL processes, including collation and writing of designs and reports for the Australian Humanitarian Partnership.
- 2019 The University of Melbourne Centre for Program Evaluation: Qualitative data collection and analysis for major evaluation projects contracted by the Victorian Department of Education.
- 2019 Consultancy support to Wyndham City Council to develop Theory of Change for Social and Economic Inclusion for Humanitarian Migrants.
- 2018 Anglican Overseas Aid: Lead for Ambae Volcano Response program Evaluation Design. The locally-led evaluation design was documented and published on ACFID website, and shared as leading example of localisation at the 2019 Australasian Aid Conference, on panel hosted by HAG.
- 2017 Anglican Overseas Aid: Evaluation Team, Women's Economic Empowerment, Vanuatu.
- 2014 World Vision UK: Annual Impact Report; Mid-Term Evaluation of CVA Database in Uganda.
- 2011-2014 World Vision Australia: Contributor to various Meta-Evaluation Reports and evaluation support across wide range of development projects in Africa and Australia.
- 2009 Lead and Manager of Review and Redesign of the Oaktree Foundation's support to Gold Peer Education South Africa.

## Positions held

July 2025	Senior Consultant, Clear Horizon
2023 – present	Independent Evaluation Consultant, Asten Consulting
2019-2023	DMEL Lead and Coordinator, CAN DO (Church Agency Network Disaster Operations) Consortium, Caritas Australia
2017 – 2019	Qualitative Researcher, Centre for Program Evaluation, Melbourne University
2015-2019	Program Manager & DMEL Lead, Anglican Overseas Aid (AOA)
2010-2015	Africa Team & First Nations Program, World Vision Australia