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Jane Lowicki-Zucca wants to improve the lives of adolescents and youth impacted by war and other crises, believing from experience that there are still far too few opportunities for young people to reach their potential and help their societies flourish. Jane wants to help build an evidence base for effective and meaningful youth-focused and youth-driven humanitarian and development programs and policies and learn more about the possibilities for scale-up in diverse settings.

Most recently, Jane has served as the Lead Consultant for UNICEF's Regional Office for Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, designing and undertaking nationally representative, participatory studies with youth on their opinions of education quality in Kosovo, Georgia and Tajikistan and solutions for improving it. She is also working with refugee adolescent girls in Uganda to determine ways to prevent gender-based violence, as part of an initiative by the Women's Refugee Commission, where Jane previously served as Director of the Children and Adolescents Project. Recently, she has also worked with a team of researchers and youth in Uganda to test an evaluation tool developed by the Open Society Youth Initiative for measuring the impact of youth policy.

Jane has been a long-time advocate for refugee, child and youth protection and development and gender equality. She has provided technical assistance supporting programs in many countries, including as Advisor for Youth Programs for the International Rescue Committee. As Interim Lead Editor of the *United Nations World Youth Report 2007*, Jane advocated for the expansion of new global youth development indicators to include more and better youth and armed conflict benchmarks. Jane is especially interested in developing and evaluating approaches to youth participation in decentralized development work, including capacity-building for youth, local government and other stakeholders in local and national development planning and implementation.

Jane received her BA from Cornell University, majoring in Government, with concentrations in International Relations and Women's Studies, and her Master in Public Administration from the NYU Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, with a focus on Public and Non-profit Management and Policy, specializing in International Public Policy.