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Professor Podems is a researcher, facilitator, and monitoring and evaluation specialist with more than 20 years' experience. She holds a doctorate in interdisciplinary studies focused on Program Evaluation and Organizational Development, and a Masters degree in Public Administration. She has worked with governments, civil society, nongovernmental groups, international donors, and foundations. She has experience designing and reviewing evaluation methodologies for a range of international programs, as well as conducting implementation, outcome and impact evaluations in projects in early childhood development, gender, women's empowerment, HIV/AIDS, TB, health systems, research and innovation projects, education, environment, capacity building, human rights, housing, trade and investment, and community needs.

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