



### **Anna Prouse**

Anna Prouse designs reconstruction and capacity-building projects in post-conflict societies. She has over fifteen years experience working in conflict environments across the Middle East and North Africa and has proven ability to coordinate multinational organizations in complex social, cultural, and political environments. Prior to joining Caerus, Anna led the coalition Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in the Southern province of Dhi Qar – Nasiriyah. Over the course of her six years there, she designed and administered hundreds of local development projects and programs, distributing more than \$1 billion worth of support.

Anna also served in Baghdad where she set up a Red Cross Field Hospital. Additionally, she was an advisor to the Iraqi Ministries of Health and of Displacement and Migration and coordinated the management efforts of agencies, including the Iraqi Reconstruction Management Office, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UN Agencies, USAID and the US Army.

Previously Anna has been a foreign correspondent for *La Repubblica* and other major Italian media outlets, reporting mainly from Iran, Yemen, and Libya. She has published books on Iran, Morocco, East Germany and Iraq.

In 2008, Italian President Napolitano awarded Anna the Order of Merit, the highest-ranking honor of the Italian Republic, for her achievements. In 2007 she was awarded the Meritorious Honor Award from the U.S. State Department, and in 2005 the Italian Red Cross's High Commissioner awarded her the Honorary Red Cross Award for extraordinary courage, competence and dedication for her work with the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Mission in Iraq.

Never one for underachieving, Anna has studied piano at the Conservatory of Alessandria, researched Shakespeare at Oxford University, and volunteered with Mother Teresa in Calcutta.

Anna is fluent in English, French, German and Italian.