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Debbi Winsten is a consultant who builds capacity with those who have never had a voice. In 18 years, she has collaborated with dozens of different cultures, even without shared language or translators. Simple, universal communication tools and participatory, literacy optional trainings engage marginalized and displaced populations with local wisdom for sustainable development. As Community Radio Advisor in Liberia, Debbi and indigenous teams helped 25 communities mobilize low power FM radio stations. One million people who were “living in darkness” now participate in local and national dialogue with stakeholders and policy makers. Based in Washington, DC, USA Debbi embraces challenging assignments anywhere in the world. Her experience throughout Africa and Asia with community-powered communications for democracy, education, health, human rights, livelihoods, and peacebuilding incorporates nonformal education.