



We Deliver Development.

As a women-owned and service-disabled veteran-owned small business, KANAVA brings half a century of experience in military operations and international development. Together, our leadership team works to apply the very best in industry practice to solving the world's most pressing challenges—
one institution at a time.



What We Offer

KANAVA experts **collaborate** with institutions in developing countries to implement the firm's proprietary **Impact Strengthening Development (ISD) tool**, a practical resource to improve organizations' management systems—helping them become more sustainable while making them more effective stewards of donor funds.

How We Deliver

By leading hands-on workshops aimed at assessing partner organizations' management strengths and weaknesses, we foster opportunities to **learn** in a supportive, impact-focused setting. KANAVA facilitators have been recognized worldwide for their ability to inspire open, honest conversations that spur real change.

Where We Work

From West Africa to Cambodia to Afghanistan and beyond, KANAVA delivers development. We **adapt** to the needs of our clients wherever we work while bringing a standard approach to strengthening our partners' impact—across sectors, geographies, and cultures. With worldwide reach, KANAVA can field consultants in virtually any country.

“In the past, we received several management capacity building trainings carried out by national and international organizations. Kanava’s ISD tool, however, was the first to offer us a common and consistent approach to developing improved strategies and mechanisms.”

CEO, Nasir Azizi Agriculture Services Company, Mazar-i-Sharif, Afghanistan

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Susan Puska, Chief Executive Officer

Susan Puska is a retired U.S. Army Colonel turned entrepreneur with over 27 years of experience as a logistician and China Foreign Area Officer. She has experience in the U.S., China, South Korea, and Germany, managing U.S. Army and joint logistics operations and personnel. Ms. Puska is a noted China expert with experience spanning from 1988 to the present, including five years living and working in China, which allowed her to witness the challenges and benefits of fast paced economic development. Her expertise includes data analytics and research and analysis on complex national security, regional, and socio-economic issues. She also led joint humanitarian logistics support at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, providing care and feeding to over 30,000 Haitian and Cuban refugees, and supported U.S. Pacific Command's medical humanitarian assistance to Mongolia. As an experienced logistician, she knows the value standardization and best practices bring to making processes more effective and efficient to realize positive impact, while also understanding how to tailor problem solving to specific situations and circumstances. Ms. Puska holds an MBA from George Mason University and an M.A. in Chinese Studies from the University of Michigan. Contact Susan at spuska@kanavainternational.com or +1.202.352.3370.



Carol Yee, Chief Operating Officer

Carol Yee is a recognized operations specialist with over 25 years of international development experience with expertise in assessing and building organizational capacity, and developing pragmatic systems, policies, and procedures based on best practices adapted to local conditions, constrained resources, and needs of the client. She knows first-hand the challenges organizations face at different points of their development and understands how critical sustainable economic development is to stable growth. Ms. Yee has extensive knowledge of the financial, procurement, and administrative structures required, and strong expertise in U.S. government contracting compliance. She possesses extensive field and home office experience, including serving as Chief of Party in southern Afghanistan in a dynamic threat environment working in close proximity to US military forces. Ms. Yee has managed multi-million dollar projects in the Middle East, Africa, Central Europe, and Asia. Ms. Yee holds an MBA from the Monterey Institute for International Studies and a Master's Certificate in Government Contracting from the George Washington University. Contact Carol at cyee@kanavainternational.com or +1.202.378.6383.



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