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Andrea Koppel is Vice President of Global Engagement and Policy at Mercy Corps and heads up the agency's Washington, D.C. office. Andrea is a 21-year veteran broadcast journalist with 14 years of experience working for CNN in Tokyo, Beijing and Washington, D.C. She is also a seasoned PR and public affairs counselor having led strategic communications and media relations for M+R Strategic Services, a cause-oriented public affairs firm, and as the head of international communications for the American Red Cross following the 2010 Haiti earthquake.



During her time with CNN, she served as the network's Tokyo correspondent from 1993-1995 where she covered the political and economic fallout after Japan's economic bubble burst, the Kobe earthquake and the sarin gas attack on the Tokyo subway system. In June 1995, Andrea moved to China as CNN's Beijing bureau chief and correspondent where she reported extensively on the growing gap between China's rich and poor as well as the unraveling of the country's cradle to grave social services, the political jockeying for power in the wake of paramount leader Deng Xiaoping's death, the growing hostility between China and Taiwan, and the lead up to the historic return of Hong Kong to Mainland Chinese control. Andrea was appointed the network's State Department Correspondent in 1998 – a position she held for eight years – reporting extensively on the Israeli-Arab peace track, including Camp David II and the Israeli-Syrian peace talks, the Kargil war between India and Pakistan in 1999, North Korea's secret nuclear program, the September 11th terrorist attacks and subsequent US military invasion of Afghanistan as well as the US invasion of Iraq in 2003. Andrea also covered the US Congress as CNN's Capitol Hill correspondent, a position she held until she left journalism in 2007.

Over the course of her two decade career, Andrea's reporting won some of American journalism's highest honors, including Emmy, Gracie, DuPont and Peabody Awards.