

Andrea Koppel bio



Andrea Koppel is Vice President of Global Engagement and Policy at the global humanitarian and development NGO Mercy Corps and heads up the agency's Washington, D.C. office.

In her current job Ms. Koppel is a member of Mercy Corps' Executive leadership team and is responsible for overseeing a wide-ranging portfolio including: foreign assistance and food aid policy reform, USAID policy reform, institutionalizing resilience practices, youth and conflict mitigation policy, the securitization of humanitarian aid, as well as country-focused advocacy around the Syrian crisis, Afghanistan, Central African Republic, the DPRK (North Korea) and South Sudan.

Ms. Koppel has worked at the intersection of public affairs, advocacy and journalism for over 25 years. Prior to joining Mercy Corps, she was the Director of International Communication at the American Red Cross leading its strategic communications following the massive 2010 Haiti earthquake. Ms. Koppel also led a 10-person communications team at M + R Strategic Services, a cause-oriented public affairs firm supporting NGO clients like the Save Darfur Coalition, Smart Growth America and Refugees International.

Ms. Koppel is veteran broadcast journalist who spent 14 years working for CNN in Japan and China as well as in Washington, D.C, where she covered American foreign and domestic policy. Her reporting won some of journalism's highest honors – the Emmy, Gracie, DuPont and Peabody awards.

She is a member of the Board of Trustees at the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network (MFAN), US Global Leadership Coalition (USGLC) and the Henry L. Stimson Center.

Ms. Koppel has a B.A. in Political Science and Asian Studies from Middlebury College. She also speaks Mandarin Chinese and French. Ms. Koppel is married and has one son.