

## Mark C. Smith, Senior Director, Humanitarian & Emergency (HEA) Operations at World Vision United States

Mark joined World Vision in December 2014 and is responsible for providing leadership to World Vision U.S. engagement with rapid on-set and complex emergencies: coordinating resource mobilization efforts; donor and partner networking; strategy development; innovation, and provision of technical assistance for field operations.

Most recently he was a senior strategist within the Development Dept. at the American Red Cross in Washington D.C. Mark was responsible for developing the fundraising strategy and materials for corporations, foundations and major donors, specifically focusing on the Disaster Services and international work of the American Red Cross.

From 2004 – 2008, he was the Disaster Response Director for World Relief in Baltimore, MD. He was responsible for the organization's responses to disasters around the world. This included direct operational responses in Darfur, Indonesia, southern Sudan, Iran, and Grenada. Donors to these programs included USAID, OFDA, various United Nations agencies, CFGF, the Belgian government, New Zealand Aid, and private funds from more than a dozen countries around the world. Further, he was responsible for working with international and indigenous partners around the world, supporting their response initiatives and building their response capacity. Mark also drafted World Relief's policy and procedure manual for responding to disasters

From 2002 – 2004, he was the Humanitarian Aid Director at Convoy of Hope in Springfield, MO, a faith based humanitarian relief agency. He was responsible for leading the organization's disaster response, from assessments to program implementation. This included introducing and implementing new response models. He worked with national partners in Jordan in the months prior to the Iraq war, and led a feeding initiative (partially funded by World Vision) for third-country nationals fleeing Iraq.

Mark began his humanitarian career in Calcutta, India with Mission of Mercy (Canada) as their first field representative primarily work as Humanitarian Coordinator and Writer (June - September 1998, 1999 – 2001). In that role he was the disaster relief coordinator for three relief operations; Orissa cyclone (1999), flooding along India/Bangladesh border (2000), Gujarat earthquake (2001,)

Before starting in international humanitarian work he worked as a lawyer from 1993 – 1999 in Vancouver, B.C. as a sole practitioner at a criminal defense practice, primarily doing legal aid trial and appeal work. From 1981 – 1989, he was a minister in a large church in Vancouver, B.C. working primarily with college students and young professionals.