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Mr. Ken Isaacs serves as the Vice President of Programs and Government Relations for Samaritan's Purse. He has served as the Director of the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) within the U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID). He coordinated the U.S. government response to the Indonesian tsunami, the Pakistani earthquake, humanitarian relief efforts in both Darfur and southern Sudan, as well as the Niger and Ethiopia emergency response. He has over 27 years' experience working in the relief and disaster response fields and has led major efforts in dozens of countries and traveled to more than 120 countries. Ken frequently testifies before both the House and the Senate on humanitarian crises, particularly those in Sudan and North Korea. He speaks on emergency relief situations, activities, policies, and after action reviews at universities and conferences. Recently he led major responses after the Haiti earthquake, the Japan tsunami and Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. He is presently leading Samaritan's Purse organizational efforts in Liberia in response to the Ebola epidemic.

