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Rob has been a co-founder, director, and senior representative for humanitarian and education institutions for two decades. He began his career as a grant funded researcher in West Africa working for Save the Children and the American Red Cross in various positions on four continents. In 2001, Rob co-founded McAuliffe Regional Charter Public School in Framingham, MA and served as its executive director for seven years. This school was designed to emphasize social and emotional skill development along with academic achievement and included a peace studies curriculum based on his early research.

He then joined the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) to revitalize a program for pandemic preparedness, where he led the scaling of operations from one country to 94 countries in ten months. Rob played a key role in several organizational development and performance management initiatives at the IFRC. After serving as the Deputy Regional Director for IFRC in Africa and the IFRC Head of Delegation in the Philippines, Rob was appointed as the Executive Director of the Abaarso Network.