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Powered by the belief that a better world is possible, Mercy Corps partners to put bold solutions into action—helping people triumph over adversity and build stronger communities from within.

Michael Bowers is the Vice President Humanitarian Leadership and Response. In this capacity, he is responsible for leading and supporting Mercy Corps' global emergency operations, enhancing their quality and accountability and ensuring that they bring the greatest benefit to people in need.



Mr. Bowers participates in the United Nations Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Emergency Directors' Group, a unique inter-agency forum for operational coordination, mobilization of surge support to emergencies, policy development and guidance to the decision-making bodies involving key U.N. organizations and global humanitarian partners.

From 1999 to 2006 Bowers served as Mercy Corps country director in Afghanistan, Albania, Croatia and Kyrgyzstan. In 2007 he served as regional program director for the agency's Central, East and South Asia region, which included China, Mongolia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, North Korea, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. He has directed the agency's activities in sub-Saharan Africa, the Balkans and Asia, managing programs in food security, shelter, agriculture and economic development. Bowers recently led Mercy Corps' humanitarian assistance programs in Turkey and Northern Syria in 2017.

Prior to joining Mercy Corps, Bowers worked on civic education programs in West Africa for the National Democratic Institute and ARD, Inc., a consulting firm.

Bowers received a BA in art history from the University of Iowa and an MA in international management from the School for International Training in Vermont. He has testified on various topics related to international affairs and public policy in the United States and Europe.

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