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**Rabih Torbay** is **Senior Vice President for International Operations** and oversees International Medical Corps' global programs in 31 countries on 4 continents and its staff and volunteers numbering over 8,000. Torbay has personally supervised the expansion of International Medical Corps' humanitarian and development programs into some of the world's toughest working environments, including Sierra Leone, Iraq, Darfur, Liberia, Lebanon, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Haiti, Libya and, most recently, Syria.

As the organization's senior representative in Washington DC., he serves as International Medical Corps' liaison with the U.S. government, including USAID, the Department of State, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Health and Human Services.



Raised in Lebanon, Torbay is a civil engineer who worked in that field until early 1999, when he joined International Medical Corps' humanitarian efforts in Sierra Leone. Following the September 11 terrorist attacks, Torbay first went to Pakistan, and then Afghanistan, to lead International Medical Corps' emergency regional response team. He remained in Afghanistan for 8 months establishing programs throughout the country.

In October 2002, Torbay moved to International Medical Corps' headquarters in Los Angeles where he became Vice President of International Operations. In 2003, he led International Medical Corps into Iraq as the first non-governmental organization (NGO) to enter the country, and later one of the first NGOs to enter Baghdad after the war. He remained in Iraq for seven months, setting up a comprehensive relief and development initiative.

Torbay led International Medical Corps' rapid response team in 2004 into the Darfur region of Sudan, where its programs currently address the needs of more than 230,000 displaced persons in some of Darfur's most desolated areas. In July, 2006, after war broke out in Lebanon, Torbay organized International Medical Corps' emergency relief efforts to residents of the southern part of the country, who had been trapped in the fighting there.

After the devastating January 12, 2010 Haiti earthquake, Torbay organized and deployed International Medical Corps' Emergency Response Team that was on the ground in Port-au-Prince providing services in 22 hours. Similarly, Torbay managed and closely supervised International Medical Corps' Emergency Response in Japan after the 2011 earthquake and tsunami, India after the 2013 cyclone and most recently in the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan. Since 2011, Torbay has been overseeing the crisis in Syria and managing International Medical Corps' relief services for Syrian refugees. Earlier this year he supervised the organization's emergency response in Central African Republic and South Sudan after outbreaks of conflict in both countries. Torbay oversees International Medical Corps' Ebola response in Sierra Leone and Liberia, where International Medical Corps is providing treatment to EVD patients through Ebola Treatment Units. Torbay currently lives in Maryland with his family.



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