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Howard Roy Williams is presently President and Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Humanitarian Cooperation, a non-governmental organization.

Mr. Williams was previously Director of the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). He was appointed to this post in January 1998 and served until January 2001. As head of OFDA, Williams oversaw disaster preparedness and relief and rehabilitation programs throughout the world.

Before going to OFDA, Mr. Williams served with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) for 12 years. From May 1996 to January 1998, he was IRC's Vice-President for Overseas Policy and Planning. From 1993 to 1996, he was IRC's Vice-President for Overseas Programs, and from 1985 to 1993, he was Director of Operations for IRC.

During this time, Mr. Williams led efforts that resulted in the conceptualization, creation and staffing of IRC's Emergency Preparedness Unit. A major part of his responsibilities entailed directing operations that resulted in the establishing of IRC offices in a variety of places including Northern Iraq, Jordan, the Balkans, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, and Southern Sudan.

From 1979 to 1985, he served with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), formerly known as the International Committee for European Migration (ICEM). During this time he served as Chief of Operations in Geneva, Switzerland, from 1983 to 1985; Regional Director in Bangkok, Thailand, from 1980 to 1983; and Country Representative in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 1979 to 1980.

Mr. Williams is a visiting Professor at the Peace Keeping and Reconstruction Institute in Carlisle, Pennsylvania and an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University.

Mr. Williams has a bachelor's degree from Columbia University. He also studied at the Columbia University School of Law.