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Since August 2020, Xavier Castellanos Mosquera is the Under Secretary General, **National Society Development and Operations Coordination** of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the world's largest humanitarian network.



Xavier Castellanos Mosquera has more than three decades experience in National Society development, resilience building and emergency humanitarian operations at the national, regional and global levels. Xavier has served the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in various capacities since 1981, when he started as a volunteer with the National Society of Ecuador. He joined the IFRC in 1998 after Hurricane Mitch in Central America.

In his previous role as Regional Director for Asia Pacific, Xavier provided strategic and operational leadership on disaster preparedness and responses to COVID-19, tsunamis and earthquakes and other health and disaster-related emergencies. Xavier also served as Regional Director of the Americas and in various leadership positions dealing with humanitarian response operations, disaster preparedness, and communications within the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, in national NGOs and with the Ecuadorian Red Cross.

Xavier is from Ecuador and has three children. He has a Bachelor's degree in Communication and Health from the Andina Simón Bolívar University in Ecuador. He also holds several professional diplomas in humanitarian affairs and corporate social responsibility and is fluent in Spanish and English.