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Biography

Mr. Ally Raza Qureshi

Ally Raza Qureshi is the Director of the World Food Programme (WFP) Global Office in New York, a position he assumed on September 1, 2024. A national of Pakistan, Ally brings over 23 years of experience with WFP, along with a distinguished career in humanitarian work, development, and the private sector. He began his professional journey as a Chartered Accountant with PricewaterhouseCoopers before transitioning into the humanitarian field in 2001.



Ally has held various key roles within WFP, starting as an internal auditor in the Oversight Department. His extensive field experience includes serving as the Head of Area Office in El-Fasher, Darfur, Sudan; as the Deputy Representative for WFP in Bangladesh and Yemen; and as the WFP Country Representative in Iraq. At WFP Headquarters, he has contributed to resource management and programming, corporate planning, and performance management, notably as Deputy Director for Resource Management and Programming and acting Director for Corporate Planning and Performance Management.

In Yemen, Ally played a pivotal role as Deputy Representative, leading the expansion of WFP's program to support over 13 million people affected by the conflict. His leadership extended to his recent role as WFP Country Director and Representative in Iraq, where he championed climate change adaptation programs, focusing on addressing displacement crises and the urgent need for action to achieve zero hunger goals.

Ally's passion for adaptive social protection systems, anticipatory actions, and combating climate change underscores his commitment to global humanitarian efforts. Throughout his career, he has been an advocate for the most vulnerable communities, as well as for sustainable development and climate resilience.