

JOHN GING

Director, Coordination and Response Division (CRD)

John Ging, an Irish national, was appointed by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon as Director of the Operational Division at OCHA in February 2011. He oversees the day-to-day management of all OCHA field operations worldwide and on behalf of the Emergency Relief Coordinator, and is her day-to-day focal point for supporting Humanitarian Coordinators. Mr. Ging is also the lead adviser to the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs on operational decision-making.

Prior to joining OCHA, Mr. Ging was the Director of the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) Operations in the Gaza Strip. He oversaw the agency's US\$450 million annual budget and over 15,000 staff from February 2006.

In 2005, he was Chief of Staff of the institution-building pillar within the UN Mission in Kosovo. From 1997 to 2005, he was the Chief of Staff of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Mr. Ging worked with the Irish non-governmental organization GOAL as Regional Director for Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Tanzania, responding to the refugee crises in the immediate aftermath of the Rwandan genocide. He started his career as a military officer and completed three tours of duty as a UN Peacekeeper. A lawyer by profession, Mr. Ging holds a degree in Sociology and Political Science and two postgraduate degrees in Law.