



World Food Programme

Biography

Ramiro Lopes da Silva
Assistant Executive
Director

Ramiro Armando de Oliveira Lopes da Silva became Deputy Executive Director in March 2010. In October 2012, his title was changed from Deputy Executive Director to Assistant Executive Director.

Prior to this appointment, Mr. Lopes da Silva served as WFP's Director of Emergencies and Deputy Chief Operating Officer.

Mr. Lopes da Silva began his career with the World Food Programme in 1985 as Food Aid Logistics Coordinator during the Great Horn of Africa and Sahel drought emergency. Since then, he has held senior management roles in operations in many countries, including Ethiopia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Angola and Sudan. He has held other senior positions in WFP including Director of Transport and Logistics from 1998 to 2002. During the period 2001-2002, he was also appointed as Special Envoy of the WFP Executive Director for the Afghanistan Crisis. In 2004, he was appointed Regional Director for the newly-established Bureau in Sudan, until 2006 when he returned to Rome as Director of the Transport and Procurement Division.

In addition to his WFP responsibilities, Mr. Lopes da Silva was the UN Assistant Secretary General and Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq from 2002 to 2004, subsequently becoming, in 2004, Senior Advisor to the United Nations Under Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs.

Prior to joining the UN World Food Programme, Mr. Lopes da Silva worked for the Mozambique Port and Railways (CFM) from 1975 to 1983. While he started as a Port Equipment Maintenance Engineer, by 1978 he was the Director General of the CFM-South with 17,000 workers reporting to him and managing a budget of over US\$100 million.

A Portuguese national, Mr. Lopes da Silva was born in Beira, Mozambique. He has a Masters in Electrical Engineering from the University of Mozambique. He is married and has five children.