



World Food Programme

Biography

Miguel Barreto assumed the position of Regional Director of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) for Latin America and the Caribbean in January of 2014. As Regional Director, he is responsible for the coordination of operations done by the humanitarian agency and he oversees 11 offices throughout the Latin American and Caribbean region, where still approximately 47 million people go hungry.

WFP is the world's largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger worldwide. Last year it provided food assistance to more than 97 million people in 80 countries.

Prior to his current posting, Miguel Barreto gained extensive field experience in humanitarian and development aid as WFP Deputy Country Director in Ethiopia (2006-2009) and WFP Representative in Honduras (2009-2013) and Colombia (2013). The main focus was on efforts meeting the urgent food needs of the most vulnerable people in the world and at the same time advocating for the implementation of longer-term solutions to the problems of hunger and food insecurity.

Barreto temporarily served as Resident Coordinator and the UN Country Director in Honduras (2011-2012). Between 2005 and 2006, he was the Director of the United Nations and Multilateral Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Relations of Peru. In 2004 he was elected and served a year as President of the WFP Executive Board, the governing body of the organization composed of 36 countries which meets at WFP headquarters located in Rome (Italy).

He also held the position as the Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean on the Executive Board of WFP (2003-2005), Vice-Chairman of the FAO World Food Security Committee (2001-2002), Member of the FAO Programme Committee (1999-2000), Member of the WFP Group Government and Alternate Representative of Peru to the International Organization in Rome (1999-2005). He started his multilateral career in the United Nation's Peru Mission in New York (1993-1998).

Miguel Barreto is a Peruvian national. He holds a graduate degree in Diplomacy and a postgraduate degree in International Relations from the Diplomatic Academy of Peru. Barreto holds a Bachelor of Law Degree from the University of San Martin De Porres in Lima. He is married and has three daughters.

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