



Mr. Matthias Schmale of Germany has devoted almost 30 years to humanitarian and development work. Since December 2021 he has been assuming responsibilities as Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator (a.i) for Nigeria. He previously served for 6.5 years as Director for UNRWA Affairs first in Lebanon and New York, and then for more than 3.5 years led UNRWA's 13000 staff delivering quasi government like education, health and social services as well as a large-scale humanitarian programme for more than 1.4 million Palestine refugees in Gaza. For 4 months in 2021 he worked as UNRWA's acting Chief of Staff.

Prior to joining the UN System in 2015, he worked with the International Red Cross and Red Crescent movement, and non-government organizations such as Save the Children International at regional and global level as well as based in countries including Ethiopia, Kenya, the Sudan, Switzerland and the United Kingdom focusing on running and coordinating humanitarian operations as well as planning and delivering development services with and to vulnerable people.

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