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Robert is currently the Technical Advisor for Emergency Management at the Adventist Development and Relief Agency's (ADRA) Asia Regional office at Bangkok. He has been involved in risk and emergency management for 24 years, with the last 17 years working with humanitarian agencies. He has been directly involved in responses to major humanitarian crisis, with the most recent ones being Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, the Nepal earthquake, Hurricane Matthew in Haiti and the Rohingya Refugee crisis in Bangladesh.

With reference to tsunamis, Robert led ADRA's response to the Asian Boxing Day tsunami in 2004 and the Samoa tsunami in 2009. Additionally, he has actively engaged with communities in Madagascar, Asia and South Pacific Island Nations for community-based disaster risk reduction initiatives where tsunami is a significant hazard for coastal communities. In late 2011 Robert was invited by ADRA Japan to facilitate a lessons learnt and an evaluation workshop for ADRA's response to the Tohoku earthquake and tsunami.

Robert has lived in India for three years, teaching public health at a University in Pune and he worked in Indonesia for two years as the Country Director for ADRA, based in Jakarta. He has a Master of Philosophy (Development Studies) and a Post-graduate Diploma in Emergency Management, plus a number of other formal qualifications. In 2001 Robert was awarded a QSM (Queen's Service Medal) in recognition of his community service. He is married and has two adult children.