



Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Briefing

Humanitarian Protection: Views from the Field

Panelists



and Syria.

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Marta Kaszubska has served as the Coordinator of the INGO Forum, Myanmar, since July 2015. She has 15 years of experience in the nonprofit sector working Poland, India, Palestine, Jordan, Tunisia, Morocco, Nepal and Myanmar. She has worked with the Center for Citizenship Education in Poland; as a consultant for Open Society Foundations for the Global Drug Policy Program; with the Social Campaigns Department of Gazeta Wyborcza national newspaper; with Polish Humanitarian Action in Palestine on water and sanitation projects, and in Nepal on emergency earthquake relief; and with ActionAid Palestine as a Country Director.



Mathieu Rouquette serves as Representative for the Syria INGO Regional Forum, SIRF. He has been engaged in international work for nearly 10 years, starting as the EU representative of the French human rights NGO F.I.D.H. Over the past three years, Mathieu has been the Country Director of Mercy Corps in South Sudan, engaging in emergency response, early recovery and development initiatives. Under his tenure, Mercy Corps has actively contributed to coordination mechanisms and became a member of the NGO Forum Steering Committee, an ad hoc member of the HCT and a Cluster co-lead. A

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Moderator

Tom Buttry leads InterAction's policy and advocacy efforts related to humanitarian affairs. He coordinates a number of humanitarian and region-specific working groups focused on emergency response, internally displaced persons, refugees, civil-military relations and humanitarian aid reform. His work includes advocacy on U.S. policy toward relevant countries or regions, as well as on aspects of U.S. relationships with the United Nations and other bodies. Before joining InterAction, Tom spent six years in the U.S. Senate working on Senator Tom Harkin's legislative staff, covering foreign affairs, immigration, migration and refugee issues, international development, child labor and international labor rights, defense, veterans, homeland security, and appropriations in those areas. Previously, Tom worked as an Analyst for the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves from 2005 to 2008. Tom graduated from Marquette University in 2005 with a BA in Political Science.