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Steve O'Malley has been the Chief of the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) Secretariat since September 2008. The CERF provides immediate funding to UN agencies in the wake of new humanitarian emergencies, and supplementary funding in existing emergencies where the gap between needs and funds is greatest. Since its creation in 2006, the CERF has raised more than \$2.6 billion in contributions from member states, private corporations and individuals, and has disbursed more than \$2.2 billion to support humanitarian operations in 79 countries and territories. He joined the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in New York in July 2001, and spent the next seven years covering Southern Africa and the Great Lakes as a Humanitarian Affairs Officer and then as Section Chief, Africa 1 in the Coordination Response Division.

Prior to joining OCHA, Steve worked for Médecins sans Frontières (MSF) from 1993-2000 in a variety of leadership roles in Africa, Europe and North America. He started his career working for Decima Research, then Canada's premier strategic public opinion research firm, from 1989-1993.

Steve holds a Bachelor of Commerce (1986) and a Master of Arts from Queen's University (1989) and a Masters in International Affairs from Columbia University in New York.