

Benjamin Safari

Head of UNHCR Supply Management Service



Benjamin Safari is a native of Rwanda, where, as a young man, he experienced first-hand war, genocide and displacement, an experience that shaped the rest of his life and led him to a lifelong commitment to caring for humanity.

With a Master's Degree in Economics (Adelaide University), academic and policy research experience, and a diverse international humanitarian and development assistance leadership career spanning 20 years, Ben joined UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency as Head of Supply Management Service on 1 March 2021.

Ben brings to the post strong credentials and proven experience in designing and leading SCM operations for complex international humanitarian relief and development projects funded by donors such as the US Government and the Global Fund at all levels, as well as cash/markets-based assistance.

Since joining UNHCR, Ben has led the transformation of UNHCR Supply, starting with a new strategy that focuses on making UNHCR Supply simple, swift, and sustainable.