



**GIUSEPPE SABA**  
**Chief Executive Officer and Board Member**  
**Of Dubai Humanitarian**  
**Founder of UNHRD Network and 1<sup>st</sup> Network Coordinator**  
**Honoured with “the Order of Star of Italy”**

Appointed as CEO of ex-Dubai's International Humanitarian City (IHC) in early March 2017, now “Dubai Humanitarian” and Member of the Board since April 2023, Giuseppe Saba brings approximately 40 years of extensive experience in the humanitarian field within the International Cooperation of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the United Nations, and international organizations.

Giuseppe Saba is the visionary founder of the United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot Network (UNHRD). In 2000, he established the first UNHRD in Brindisi, Italy, under the UN World Food Programme (WFP), bringing together a consortium of UN Agencies, International Humanitarian Organizations, and Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations.

Drawing from the lessons learned during the emergency response to the Indian Ocean Tsunami in 2004, Saba expanded the network by opening hubs and negotiating agreements with various hosting governments in Dubai, Malaysia, Ghana, Spain, and Panama. Today, UNHRD is one of the largest humanitarian organizations, with over 90 partners, operating in emergency preparedness and response.

Giuseppe Saba is an Italian citizen born in Sardinia in 1951. He graduated as a Professional Nurse in 1974, specializing in Surgical Assistance in Operating Theatre in 1976 within the Hospital of Sassari. He is married and has two daughters. Since he retired from the UN-WFP in 2013, he has been a consultant for various humanitarian organizations. In 2024, Giuseppe Saba received the honour of “Cavaliere dell’Ordine Stella d’Italia” (The Order of the Star of Italy is an Italian order of chivalry) [giuseppe.saba@dubaihumanitarian.ae](mailto:giuseppe.saba@dubaihumanitarian.ae)

#### **About the Humanitarian Logistics Databank:**

The Humanitarian Logistics Databank, ideated within IHC under the leadership of Giuseppe Saba, provides the humanitarian community and countries affected by emergencies with a shared database platform on prepositioned aid stocks and flow, thus enhancing emergency preparedness and response. It gives affected countries and humanitarian actors in crisis-torn areas access to updated information on the availability of relief items concerning their quantity, location, ownership and movement so they can plan their action and response accordingly. The Humanitarian Logistics Data Bank is a unique platform set up by the Dubai Humanitarian Community and launched in 2018.