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Since August 2020, Xavier Castellanos Mosquera is the Under Secretary General, **National Society Development and Operations Coordination** of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the world's largest humanitarian network.

Xavier has four decades experience in National Society development, resilience building and emergency humanitarian operations at the national, regional and global levels. He has served the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in various capacities since 1981, when he started as a volunteer with the National Society of Ecuador. He joined the IFRC in 1998 after Hurricane Mitch in Central America.

In his previous role as Regional Director for Asia Pacific, Xavier provided strategic and operational leadership on major crisis, such as the massive flow of refugees in Bangladesh, to preparedness and responses to COVID-19, tsunamis and earthquakes and other health and disaster-related emergencies. Xavier also served as Regional Director of the Americas and in various leadership positions strategic leadership to Haiti Earthquake in 2010 and dealing with several humanitarian response operations, disaster preparedness, and capacity building efforts to enhance institutional and community resilience within the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, in national NGOs and with the Ecuadorian Red Cross.

Xavier is from Ecuador and has three children. He has a Bachelor's degree in Communication and Health from the Andina Simón Bolívar University in Ecuador. He also holds several professional diplomas in humanitarian affairs and corporate social responsibility and is fluent in Spanish and English.

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