

# Relief Chief

## A Manifesto for Saving Lives in Dire Times

**Mark Lowcock**

*Relief Chief* is Mark Lowcock's behind-the-scenes account of his experience as the world's most senior humanitarian official – the UN Relief Chief.

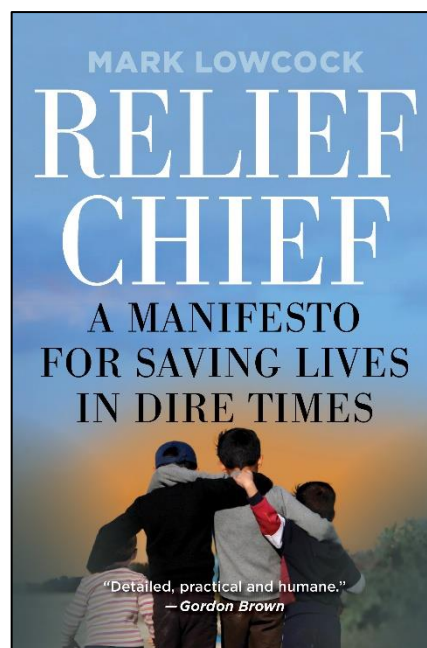
In his four years on the job, Lowcock coordinated the work of UN agencies, the Red Cross, and countless national and international humanitarian groups to save lives and protect the most vulnerable.

Part memoir and part manifesto for reform, *Relief Chief* depicts the brutality, misery and inhumanity inflicted on innocent people in crises. Lowcock recounts what people he met in dozens of countries – especially women and children – shared with him about their plight and the help they needed.

He warns that crises will continue to get worse without a renewed global effort to tackle their causes. But *Relief Chief* is also an uplifting story of lives saved and suffering reduced, and a detailed, practical agenda for solving crises faster and better in the future.

### About the Author:

**Mark Lowcock** was appointed as the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator in May 2017, serving up to June 2021. He was previously Permanent Secretary of the United Kingdom's Department for International Development. He has spent more than 30 years leading and managing responses to humanitarian crises across the globe. He has authored opinion articles for *The Washington Post*, the *Financial Times*, *The Guardian*, *The Times*, *Le Monde*, CNN, and others and is a Distinguished Non-Resident Fellow at the Center for Global Development. Lowcock resides in London, UK.



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