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Between 2001 and 2007 he was Chief of the Disaster Reduction Unit at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), where he led a global team that supported disaster reduction and recovery programming in UNDP Country Offices worldwide, as well as initiatives such as the global UNDP report *Reducing Disaster Risk: a Challenge for Development*, the International Recovery Platform (IRP) and the UNDP Expert Group paper on *A Climate Risk Management Approach to Disaster reduction and Adaptation to Climate Change*.

Before joining UNDP he founded and was General Coordinator of the Network for Social Studies on Disaster Prevention in Latin America: LA RED, which brought together key academic, regional and scientific organisations in the Latin America and Caribbean region to undertake comparative research on key disaster reduction issues, including: risk assessment and identification; governance, institutional and legislative frameworks; local level risk management; post-disaster recovery; management of risks associated with climate variability and change and with housing and urban development. He also contributed to regional networks in South Asia (Duryog Nivaran) and southern Africa (Peri Peri) and collaborated with the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) on the first courses on community based disaster management.

In the 1980s and 1990s he worked for a number of governmental and non-governmental organisations in Peru, including the Instituto Nacional de Desarrollo Urbano (INADUR), the Centro de Estudios y Prevencion de Desastres (PREDES) and the Intermediate Technology Development Group (ITDG), on disaster reduction issues as well as on urban and regional development, housing and appropriate technology.

He has written and published extensively in both Spanish and English. His book *Disaster Mitigation: a Community Based Approach* published in 1989 catalysed the adoption of new local level approaches to disaster risk management, while the series of his books published by Tercer Mundo Editores, Bogota between 1993 and 1998 have become indispensable reading in the Spanish speaking world.