

## DAVID STEWART NEAL



Currently employed by New Zealand Red Cross in a dual role as the Regional Manager for Central Region and National Programmes Manager, David has been New Zealand Red Cross's representative for Refugee Services for the last two years.

He has worked for New Zealand Red Cross as a Senior Manager for 13 years, during which time he has been instrumental in the development of the organisations current strategic direction, which has seen a transformation from a disjointed, federally structured organisation into a single national entity showing strong growth and a clear focus on its mission.

David's work with refugee families extends back to the mid 90's, when as the Regional Director for East West Region of New Zealand Red Cross based in Palmerston North, he acted as the local representative of Refugee Services, settling refugee families, organising and supporting the training of volunteers, sourcing the homes and providing ongoing support and advocacy for the families. To achieve good outcomes for the families he worked closely with Refugee Services Staff in both Wellington and Mangere. This role diminished with the establishment of the RS office in Palmerston North.

As a senior manager of a Not for Profit organisation, he has experience in governance, an understanding of the issues affecting the operational success of such organisations and significant experience in the delivery of community based programmes to vulnerable people.