



Founded in 2000, Room to Read transforms the lives of millions of children through education, creating a world free from illiteracy and gender inequality.



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Michael Bowers is the Chief Program Implementation Officer at Room to Read, an organization that believes World Change Starts with Educated Children.® Room to Read envisions a world in which all children can pursue a quality education that enables them to reach their full potential and contribute to their communities and the world.

As Chief Program Implementation Officer, Michael is responsible for overall leadership and management of Room to Read's Program Operations, which oversees implementation of all programs and projects around the world. He oversees the strategy, planning and implementation of Room to Read's operations worldwide as well as expansion into new geographies.

Michael has more than 26 years of experience in international development, encompassing management and implementation of complex community-based programs; donor relations; grant management; and knowledge of sectoral programming in health, shelter, agriculture and economic development. Over the last 20 years, he has filled a number of leadership positions at Mercy Corps, including the role of Country Director in Albania, Kyrgyzstan, Croatia and Afghanistan, as well as Regional Program Director and Senior Director of Strategic Response & Global Emergencies. Prior to joining Room to Read, he was the Vice President of the Humanitarian Leadership Team at Mercy Corps.

Michael has a degree in History and Political Science from the University of Iowa, as well as an M.A. in Intercultural Management from the School for International Training in Brattleboro, VT.