

Mr. Tun Myat



UN Assistant Secretary General (former). Born in September 1942 in Maymyo, Burma (Myanmar), Tun Myat was a United Nations veteran of over 26 years and a long-serving WFP staff member when he retired from active service at the Assistant Secretary-General level in September 2004 at the age of 62. From 2002 to 2004 he was the United Nations Security Coordinator based at the UN Headquarters in New York; from 2000 to 2002 he was the UN Humanitarian Coordinator in Iraq, the senior-most UN official resident in the country during that time.

Prior to these appointments, Tun Myat worked at WFP for over 22 years, beginning as a P-3 Insurance Officer in 1978 and served in a number of increasingly responsible positions including that of Chief of Staff to the Executive Director of WFP (1988-1991), Director of the Transport and Logistics Division (1991-1997) and Director of the Resources and External Relations Division (RE) (1997-2000).

In these various posts, he was at the forefront of WFP's famine relief efforts worldwide, travelling extensively to establish mechanisms for the delivery of humanitarian relief. He assisted the then ED in managing the constitutional reform process of the Programme and coordinated all external relations functions of WFP, from servicing the Executive Board to developing resource mobilization strategies, expanding its resource base and promoting advocacy and public awareness of WFP world-wide. In particular he has been recognized as the principal architect behind the growth and establishment of WFP's logistics function to its current leadership position within the United Nations System.