

Caroline Brennan

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Biography

Caroline Brennan is the Emergency Communications Director for Catholic Relief Services. In her role, she travels to and/or works in areas facing natural or man-made emergencies, conducts interviews and capture the reality of what is happening through stories and video. She also provides communications support to local partner organizations as they respond to rapidly-changing needs of emergency relief and recovery efforts.

Recent travels include to Bangladesh for the Rohingya refugee crisis in June 2018; Uganda for the South Sudanese refugee crisis in April 2018; Jordan and the Middle East region in February 2018 (and regularly since 2012); Bangladesh early on in the Rohingya crisis in October 2017; Bulgaria, where she documented the lives of Syrian refugees three years into their asylum, in August 2017; and Baghdad and Fallujah in March 2017, where she documented the latest conditions facing Iraqi families uprooted by ISIS.

Since 2012, Caroline has spent much of her time in the Middle East given the Syrian crisis. Caroline was in Nepal after the 2015 devastating earthquake, in Central African Republic at the height of the internal conflict in 2014, and in the Filipino islands in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan in 2013.

Caroline was based in CRS' South Asia regional office in Delhi, India, for 3 years covering the South and Southeast Asia regions – including the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, 2005 Pakistan earthquake, and extensive programing across Afghanistan, India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. She also lived in rural, western Ethiopia for 2 years as a teacher. With CRS, she has worked across 22 countries documenting people's pursuits to overcome adversity and lead empowered lives.

Previously, Caroline worked with the U.S. Committee for Refugees in Washington, DC, the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, and served a Peace Corps volunteer. Caroline grew up in a military family that eventually settled in Austin, TX. Caroline graduated with a Journalism/Spanish degree from Texas A&M. She has four sisters.

Areas of Expertise

Disaster Relief, Emergency Assistance, Refugee Assistance, Emergency Relief, Emergency Recovery, Disaster Recovery, Shelter, Cash Assistance

Education

Texas A&M University
B.A. Journalism / Spanish

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