



## Pierre Krähenbühl | Class of 1991

Pierre Krähenbühl, a highly respected leader in the humanitarian field, has dedicated over 30 years to protecting vulnerable populations in conflict zones, primarily in prominent roles at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). Serving as ICRC Director of Operations and later Director-General, Pierre Krähenbühl has been responsible for steering the organisation's global humanitarian activities and its 18,000 staff in more than 100 countries. His leadership at the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) further demonstrated his deep commitment to human rights and humanitarian principles. Renowned for navigating complex crises and high-risk environments, he remains a steadfast advocate for dignity and protection in the face of conflict and displacement.



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As Director of Operations, Pierre Krähenbühl visited numerous conflict zones around the world. He is pictured above with civilians in Chechnya, June 2003. As part of its mission and commitment to protect civilians, the ICRC endured significant losses, including a deadly attack on one of its hospitals in Novye Atagi.



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From 2002 to 2014, Pierre Krähenbühl directed the ICRC's operations, where he navigated the organisation's complex humanitarian role at a time of global upheaval and numerous crises. He returned to the ICRC in 2021 and was appointed Director-General in 2024.



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From 2014 to 2019, Pierre Krähenbühl headed the UNRWA, focused on the delivery of education, health and social services to Palestine Refugees in the Near East. His tenure was marked by efforts to maintain vital humanitarian programmes amid ongoing regional instability and funding challenges.

