

## Patrick Haverman

UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in Viet Nam



Patrick was born in the Netherlands where he grew up in a small family together with one elder brother. His mother came from a farmer's family running a small milk/cheese shop and his father worked with elderly people at a retirement home. After high school, he studied Business Administration at the Erasmus University in Rotterdam and worked for 4 years in the private sector as a financial controller and marketing manager for an international architect and engineering firm. Then he decided that he wanted to see more of the world and after a period with visits and friends in Nicaragua, he found a position in development cooperation in Bolivia. Preferring to work for people instead of shareholders and wanting to make the world a better place, he joined the United Nations Development Programme in 2000 working in Honduras. In 2003, under the LEAD programme, he moved to Tanzania as the Deputy of Strategic Operation. Afterwards he travelled to more than 20 African countries to work with the country offices to increase the delivery of their

programme. While based at HQ New York, he met his wife got married and they now have two children. In New York Patrick was the project manager for the Millennium Villages project, working closely with the academia from the Earth Institute at Columbia University. He exchanged NY for 北京, and for 5 years was the Deputy Country Director of the UNDP China. From 2018 – 2020 he was the Regional Partnership Advisor for the Bureau for External Relationships and Advocacy, based in Bangkok, after which he headed the External Relations and Partnerships for UNDP Afghanistan. Patrick has been appointed as Deputy Resident Representative for UNDP Vietnam.