



CARE ACTION NETWORK



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Melinda French Gates, Co-chair and Trustee of the Gates Foundation, addresses nearly 1,200 CARE advocates at the CARE Conference on the importance of investing in women and girls in developing countries.



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Defending dignity. Fighting poverty.

For more than 65 years, CARE has worked to create lasting change in the world's poorest communities. In 2010, CARE worked with 82 million people in 87 countries to improve health, education and economic development opportunities.

CARE places special emphasis on working with girls and women. Our experience has shown that when you empower a girl or woman, she isn't the only person who benefits. When you give girls and women access to education and quality health care, or a chance to start their own businesses, they create ripples of change that lift themselves, their families and entire communities out of poverty.

Visit www.care.org to learn more about CARE's programs around the world.

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Why Advocacy?

Although CARE's programs improve the lives of tens of millions of people each year, we know lasting change requires effective economic, political and social policies.

That's why CARE focuses on political advocacy on behalf of the poor at local, national and international levels. For example, in Peru CARE works with the Ministry of Health to replicate our successful maternal health programs throughout the country. And in the U.S., CARE works closely with Congress to promote effective, sustainable global maternal health programs.

Some of the most important policy decisions affecting global poverty take place here in the United States. As a global leader, the U.S. plays a critical role in developing policies that can help the world's most marginalized populations. CARE works with Congress and key government agencies to translate our decades of experience and know-how into policies that benefit communities in the developing world.

CARE's Advocacy Agenda to advance the empowerment of women and girls includes:

- Securing Effective Funding for Foreign Assistance
- Providing Economic Opportunities for Women
- Empowering Girls to Learn and Lead
- Tackling Global Hunger and Increasing Resilience to Climate Change
- Increasing Access to Maternal Health
- Assisting in Emergencies and Conflict Situations

How You Can Help

The CARE Action Network (CAN) is comprised of nearly 200,000 advocates who lend their voices to the movement to end extreme poverty. Now more than ever it is critical that members of Congress hear from their constituents about the importance of investing in efforts to promote global development.

As a member of CAN, you will have the opportunity to communicate with your legislators on issues critical to the fight against global poverty, learn about upcoming CARE events happening in your community and become part of a global movement speaking out on behalf of women, children and poor families around the world.

Visit can.care.org or e-mail advocacy@care.org to sign-up, learn more about how you and others in your community can support CARE's work and connect with a CARE staff person in your region.

Rep. Judy Biggert (R-IL) meets with CARE supporters during CARE's annual conference.

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CARE supporters head to Capitol Hill to advocate for CARE's issues of concern during the CARE Conference.

Annual Events

CARE Conference & International Women's Day Celebration

CARE's signature event brings together hundreds of CARE supporters from around the country to shine a light on critical issues impacting global poverty. CARE conference keynote speakers have included then-U.S. Senator Barack Obama, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, economist Jeffrey Sachs, Melinda Gates and former First Lady Laura Bush. The conference features educational sessions on issues related to global poverty, advocacy training and a day on Capitol Hill meeting with legislators.

For more information visit www.careconference.org.

CARE National Day of Action

In recognition of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on October 17, CARE provides supporters with an opportunity to host local events in their communities to raise awareness about issues related to global poverty and women's empowerment.

For more information visit www.care.org/nda.



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In more than 80 countries CARE helps empower communities to address the greatest threats to their survival by improving health, education and economic development opportunities.



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