When girls are educated, all of society benefits. Girls who attend school tend to delay marriage and pregnancy, are less vulnerable to disease, and are more likely to increase their own earning power for life.

WHAT
Scale a proven program to reach 3 million more girls in seven countries.

WHERE
Currently in India, with expansion to an additional six countries

WHY
Health improves, earning power increases and poverty declines.

WHEN
2017 - 2021

HOW
Seeking $20 million investment to expand CARE’s SOAR program.
Just one year of secondary education correlates to a 15 to 25 percent increase in future wages.

However, an estimated 130 million girls are not in school right now. They require a tailored program that helps them catch up with peers and equips them with the skills they need to be successful. CARE is committed to reaching 3 million adolescent girls in seven countries through our successful SOAR (Strengthening Opportunities for Adolescent Resilience) academic program. And through our advocacy efforts, we can improve education policies and investments to reach millions more.

CARE’s SOAR schools provide an intensive, high-quality accelerated curriculum for girls who were unable to either start or finish primary school. Moreover, the program builds confidence and teaches skills the girls need to overcome the social and economic factors that keep them from school, prepares parents to embrace educational opportunities for their daughters, and engages men and boys to be part of the support system. Through CARE’s program, some of the most marginalized girls in rural India already have gone from being utterly left out of formal education to completing secondary school and even college. With this new commitment, SOAR will be replicated in six countries and will expand in India.

With a 95 percent success rate of girls graduating the program to move on to secondary school, CARE looks forward to broadening this program. We seek a five-year investment totaling $20 million to support this life-changing work that fuels development and influences future generations.

- $300,000 over 27 months could enable CARE to open 15 SOAR learning centers.
- $23,000 could provide all teaching materials for 10 SOAR learning centers.
- $11,600 could fund scholarships for 200 girls to attend a year of secondary school.

OUR ROAD AHEAD

“Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings.”

- Nelson Mandela

We all have the ability to make a difference in the world. At CARE, we believe part of our role is to connect and support those who share our vision of a world without poverty. If you believe that human potential is greater than poverty, join us. Invest with us. Believe with us. We can end suffering, poverty and injustice in the world — For Good.