



CARE International in Kenya

PROFILE

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CARE staff numbers: 450

Total Direct Beneficiaries: 2, 072, 801

Counties reached directly: Embu, Garissa, Homa Bay, Kericho, Kirinyaga, Kisii, Kisumu, Mandera, Marsabit, Migori, Nairobi, Nyamira, Nyandarua, Nyeri, Siaya, Vihiga, Wajir.

Counties reached indirectly: Bungoma, Busia, Elgeyo Marakwet, Isiolo, Kajiado, Kakamega, Kiambu, Kilifi, Kitui, Kwale, Laikipia, Lamu, Machakos, Makueni, Meru, Mombasa, Muranga, Nakuru, Nandi, Narok, Samburu, TransNzoia, Uasin Gishu.

ABOUT CARE INTERNATIONAL IN KENYA

CARE commenced its humanitarian programme in Kenya in 1968. Since then we have built a substantial development and humanitarian programme, targeting around 1 million people in Kenya per year.

We currently carry out major programmes in refugee assistance, health, water and sanitation, financial inclusion, adaptation to climate change, disaster risk reduction, agricultural value chains and humanitarian/emergency response with an average annual budget of approximately US\$ 35 million. CARE is a lead partner of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) and World Food Programme (WFP), for water & hygiene, food distribution, and formal education in the refugee camps in Dadaab, near the Kenya-Somalia border. As of 31st December 2013, the refugee population in Dadaab was 408,283 refugees. CARE is also lead partner of the Global Fund in Kenya and partners with CDC for a major health program.

Our main office is in Nairobi, and our main focus areas are western Kenya, Nairobi informal settlements and northern Kenya arid and semi arid lands. We also have projects in central and rift valley counties around financial inclusion and agricultural value chains. We currently work in 17 counties directly, and in 23 counties indirectly through Global Fund partners.



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Livelihoods: Our Livelihood sector exists to empower vulnerable rural communities to enhance their livelihoods through multiple approaches including food security and economic development, integrated water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), disaster risk reduction, community based climate change adaptation (CBA) and value chain/ making the markets work for the poor. This sector implements interventions that address diverse livelihood needs of different segments of the target populations. The needs range from inadequate water, hygiene and sanitation services, food insecurity and low income. In rural, remote and semi-arid regions where living conditions are deplorable and unfavorable, CARE Kenya has strived to address the underlying causes of poverty by actively involving the local communities and stakeholders to finding sustainable solutions to their own problems and needs. Relevant interventions are being rolled out to mitigate effects of drought, hunger, climate change and environmental degradation as well as enhancing disaster risk reduction. CARE's projects focus on livelihood improvement, specifically contributing to food security through value chain and market based approaches (**Kilimo Biashara** project), Water Sanitation and Hygiene (**MWA-KALDRR, SWS and SWASH+**) and climate change adaptation and mitigation (**ALP and SACC**). The sector has also other new opportunities in the pipeline (Climate Smart Agriculture and WASH) that are still at design or donor negotiation level.

Refugee assistance program: Conflict in Somalia has displaced hundreds of thousands of individuals. Since 1991, CARE has provided relief and development assistance for the three refugee camps in Dadaab in addition to supporting host communities around the camps. In recent months, drought and conflict in Somalia increased the refugee influx into Dadaab, as of June 30th, 2013, the population in Dadaab stood at 427,047 after an on-going verification exercise of refugees. Dadaab has a total of 5 camps in the area all under UNHCR sub office Dadaab. Our funding partners include UNHCR, WFP, ECHO, BPRM, MoFA Germany, MoFA Luxemburg, DRC and a German based private donor (RTL). Our work in the camps includes Logistics and Distribution of relief food, education, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Gender and Community Development.

Financial inclusion: CARE has implemented the Group Savings and Loan (GS&L) methodology, a community managed micro finance (CMMF) scheme whose approach is to increase the economic resilience of micro entrepreneurs. Its basic principle is that members of a self-selected group form an association and save money by contributing regularly to a fund, governed by the group itself. Members save at a rate matching their capacity, thus lowering the threshold of entry for the poor. We currently implement **wPower**, **COSALO III**, and **Banking on Change (BOC II)** and **Lighting Kenya** financial inclusion projects in Embu, Garissa, Homa Bay, Kisii, Kisumu, Marsabit, Nairobi, Nyamira, Siaya and Vihiga counties.

Health, HIV and AIDS: CARE Kenya currently implements two health programs, both focused on prevention and treatment of HIV and AIDS. The organization was awarded the civil society Principal Recipient of **Global Fund (to fight Tuberculosis, Aids & Malaria) Round 7 for HIV and AIDS**. The goal of this program is to improve the quality of life for people living with HIV (PLHIV) in Kenya and reduce HIV infections, scale up and maintain PLWHAs on adherence to ARV treatment, increase access to HIV testing and counseling services, increase uptake of HIV prevention and treatment services, strengthen institutional capacity to effectively implement and monitor HIV/AIDS services. The **Chagua Maisha** program, a PEPFAR funded comprehensive HIV program implemented in Kisii County and supported through the US Centers for Disease Control and prevention, aims to increase the quality, access and utilization of HIV prevention, care and treatment services at the individual, community and facility levels.

Humanitarian assistance and emergency: The Humanitarian Assistance and Emergency sector came into existence as a result of the 2007 – 2008 post-election violence that rocked the country. To date, the sector continues to provide crucial support to communities in North Eastern Kenya, who remain vulnerable to droughts and other related emergencies and are supported by multiple donors in relief work. Financial year 2011 – 2012 recorded the highest financial support from donors of \$ 8,864,165.96 attributed to the Horn of Africa food crisis response. We continue providing support on building resilience in communities through our **Regional Resilience Enhancement Against Drought (RREAD IV)** project, which applies community-managed disaster risk reduction to strengthen community capacity. The organization also responded to a flood emergency in western Kenya in July 2013. We continue to provide assistance to the affected, focusing on distribution of hand washing facilities in schools, construction of latrines in schools and households, distribution of water treatment chemicals and testing of water for bacteriological quality.

Advocacy and Media: CARE Kenya is part of the three-year **Women and Girls Lead Global** project, a campaign that focuses on the power of film for social change, specifically to inspire women and girls to be empowered in community leadership. This project is funded by Independent Television Services (ITVS) USA.