CARE, Our Partners, and the Sustainable Development Goals

Since 2015, CARE has been tracking impact metrics in line with the Sustainable Development Goals. In 2021, CARE shifted to 30 impact indicators for CARE’s Vision 2030, still aligned with the SDGs. The SDGs represent a collective, global commitment to a transformed world. It is only right that an organization like CARE also be accountable to demonstrating how its work contributes to these shared goals toward this collective vision.

Between 2015 and 2021 CARE and our partners have contributed to global change for 161 million people in 83 countries. We use the word “contributions” deliberately: in all our work, change happens through the combined efforts of many different actors, including civil society and movements, governments, and the private sector. Our programs are just some of the contributing factors that lead to these impacts and outcomes.

The gender transformative approach of the Win-Win project in Burundi led to increases in rice production, food security, and incomes, as well as feelings of safety and attitudes rejecting gender-based violence. Women’s solidarity groups and community dialogue helped women access the support they need to change discriminatory social and gender norms. The approach produced a return of $5 for every $1 invested, compared to a $3 return from a gender mainstreaming approach that just shared messages on gender equality.

The Bihar health program in India has improved health services for 28.9m women and children, strengthening capacities of the Government health system. Use of modern contraceptives increased from 44.5% to 77.8%, and the proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel increased from 68.4% to 79.2%.
With our local partners RWAMREC and RWN in the Indashyikirwa project in Rwanda, a couples’ curriculum program contributed to a 55% reduction in the odds of women experiencing physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence (IPV). Amongst men, the curriculum led to a 47% reduction in the odds of reporting having perpetrated physical and/or sexual IPV.

Made by Women has enabled 217,000 women garment factory workers in Asia to claim their rights or reduce risk of sexual harassment in the workplace, and a further 4.1m stand to benefit from improved legal practices. CARE and our partners have influenced. 300 factories have worked with CARE to make changes to their policies, systems, and workplace cultures.

CARE and allies successfully advocated for an additional $1bn in US Government global humanitarian funding for famine relief, providing assistance to 20-30m people a year from 2018 onwards.