

CASCADE, short for 'CAtalyzing Strengthened policy aCtion for heAlthy Diets and resiliencE, is a program implemented by a consortium led by CARE and GAIN, organisations with long-standing experience in addressing malnutrition at the community and household level and advocating for greater government engagement for sustainable food systems.

CASCADE leverages on CARE's and GAIN's experience and expertise in system's strengthening and food systems transformation to achieve its main objectives:

- 1. Increase access to and consumption of healthy diets among household members in six programme countries, particularly women of reproductive age and children,
- 2. Increase resilience to economic- and climate change-related shocks and stresses of household members in the six programme countries, particularly women of reproductive age and children.

The five-year program, with a budget of 60 million EUR from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) is implemented between 2022-2026. CASCADE engages in collaborative efforts with government bodies, private service providers, and communities around five domains:



Domain 1 – Strengthened Policy Implementation

Domain 2 - Supportive Private Service





Domain 3 - Strengthened Community Structures

Domain 4 – Women's Empowerment / **Gender Transformation**





Domain 5 - Strengthened Coordination among Food System Actors and Processes









Benin

Nigeria

CASCADE employs multiple advocacy strategies, from sub-national to national and global level, to strengthen policy implementation of nutrition related policies. It draws on CARE's and GAIN's approaches, focusing on social accountability, good governance, health system's strengthening, multisectoral coordination, resource mobilization, private sector engagement and climate-resilient agricultural practices. lt also strengthens community structures through community mobilisation and civil society engagement for collective pressure for changes in the food system, and collaborates with the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) networks across the six countries to address malnutrition. Gender, social norm transformation and behaviour change are cross cutting strategies, both an essential goal and a means to magnify impact.

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Ethiopia

Kenya

Uganda

Mozambique