



VSLA IN EMERGENCIES

# Risk Analysis Matrix

This is a companion document to  
[A Guide to CARE's VSLA in Emergencies.](#)

Use this matrix to identify potential risks to  
staff, partners, and participants of VSLAiE.

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# Purpose

After consulting with local authorities, partner staff, and potential participants, consider the many areas of potential risk. CARE should undertake this analysis during Element #1 Readiness, and should continuously monitor and update the matrix.

## HOW TO COMPLETE THE MATRIX

After consulting with local authorities, partner and local staff representatives, and potential participants, identify all possible risks, consider the many areas of potential risk. Document actual and high-possibility risks in the matrix on the next page, and identify the monitoring, mitigation measures, and resources required to reduce or eliminate these risks. Use the information about the combined or cumulative risks to assess whether it is acceptable to proceed with project planning.

## AREAS OF RISK TO CONSIDER

- **Contextual risks**, including but not limited to risks related to the project environment: security and access, health emergencies (such as Covid-19), threat of violence, climatic or natural disaster, governmental laws or regulations, currency inflation.



- **Political risks**, including but not limited to the threat of political instability, risks associated with permissions to work, or risks to implementation resulting from relations with government actors.
- **Programmatic risks**, including but not limited to CARE and partner capacity, corruption, security risks for staff/partner staff, volunteers or participants, community tension or conflict, inflation.
- **Risks related to protection**, including but not limited to risks specific to marginalized groups: increases in VAWG, danger to participants, safeguarding incidents, risks of violence including economic violence. Refer to and incorporate relevant information from the [VSLAiE Women and Girls Analysis Tool](#).
- **Fiduciary risk**, including but not limited to: risk of fraud and corruption.

<b>RISK OR THREAT</b> <i>What risks may arise through VSLAiE implementation?</i>	<b>LIKELIHOOD</b> <i>that risk will occur</i>	<b>IMPACT</b> <i>on participants if occurs</i>	<b>IMPACT</b> <i>on programming if occurs</i>	<b>MITIGATION</b> <i>How could CARE lessen the risk or reduce its impact?</i>	<b>MONITORING</b> <i>How will we monitor the risk?</i>	<b>RESOURCES</b> <i>What resources do we need to mitigate and monitor the risk? Do we have these?</i>	<b>ACCEPTABLE?</b> <i>Is this an acceptable risk to proceed with programming?</i>

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