The underlying causes of poverty are not simple, and they are always interrelated. CARE takes a holistic approach to fighting poverty, tackling multiple issues to address these causes.

CARE’s projects are designed and implemented according to CARE’s six program principles:

• Promote empowerment
• Work in partnership with others
• Ensure accountability and promote responsibility
• Address discrimination
• Promote the non-violent resolution of conflicts
• Seek sustainable results

CARE primarily works in the following sectors: humanitarian response; food security; maternal and child health; climate change, education; HIV and AIDS; water, sanitation and hygiene; and economic development. CARE places special emphasis on long-term programs for women and girls because, equipped with the proper resources, they have the power to help whole families and entire communities escape poverty.

When natural disasters or conflicts occur, CARE’s extensive network allows us to provide fast, effective assistance to communities in need. We assist survivors with immediate relief and, once the emergency is over, continue to work with communities in order to help them rebuild their lives by incorporating risk reduction methods and emergency preparedness plans into our long-term work. CARE helps communities strengthen their resilience to disasters and reinforce the impact when a crisis hits.

Our longer-term development work, which often builds on basic needs programs, provides communities with solutions to tackle the roots of poverty, and with the skills and resources necessary to create lasting and meaningful change.

CARE also speaks out on behalf of and together with the people in the communities where we work. Our global advocacy focuses on four main themes: women and food security; women, peace and security; women and climate change; and maternal health.

Approximately one third of CARE’s work is related to humanitarian relief and rehabilitation activities, while two thirds focus on longer-term development and the challenges of poverty eradication.

Our commitment to accountability CARE is committed to meeting international standards of quality and accountability, making sure communities have a say in planning, implementing and evaluating our response, and measuring our impact through monitoring activities, and internal and external evaluations.

Our partnerships Partnerships are the foundation of CARE’s work. By working with locally-based groups and governments, we develop a deeper understanding of the context and build local capacity and ownership. CARE works with other national and international aid agencies and United Nations agencies to strengthen the impact of our work, and we are an active member of several networks tackling poverty through policy change.

Donors CARE receives funding from a wide range of institutional donors, such as government donors, donor-recognized aid organizations including the United Nations, the World Bank, the European Union, and the European Commission. CARE also receives donations from corporate and individual donors around the world. It is not only the financial support that is important: Around the world, CARE supporters rally to raise awareness about the fight against poverty through campaigns, events, speeches and advocacy work.

In the fiscal year 2010, CARE worked in 87 countries around the world, supporting 905 poverty-fighting projects to reach an estimated 82 million people.

How CARE works
Below is a breakdown of the countries where we work.

Countries with CARE programs in FY10:

- Afghanistan
- Angola
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Bangladesh
- Benin
- Bolivia
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Brazil
- Burundi
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- Chad
- Chad
- Côte d’Ivoire
- Croatia
- Côte d’Ivoire
- Cuba
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- El Salvador
- Ethiopia
- Georgia
- Ghana
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Honduras
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Iraq
- Jamaica
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Kosovo
- Laos
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mali
- Montenegro
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Nicaragua
- Niger
- Pakistan
- Papua New Guinea
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Philippines
- Poland
- Portugal
- Qatar
- Romania
- Rwanda
- Serbia
- Sierra Leone
- Somalia
- South Africa
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Syria
- Tajikistan
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- Timor Leste
- Togo
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom
- United States
- Uzbekistan
- Vietnam
- Yemen
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

CARE International Members:

- Austria
- Australia
- Canada
- Denmark
- France
- Germany-Luxembourg
- Japan
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Thailand
- United Kingdom
- United States

CARE International Secretariat:

- Geneva, Switzerland
- Brussels, Belgium
- New York, United States

Sub-offices:

- Hungary (of CARE Austria)
- Czech Republic (of CARE Austria)

1 Limited presence.

* CARE Peru is in the process of becoming an Affiliate Member of CARE International.

** Thailand is both a Member of CARE International and a country with ongoing programs.

*** CARE India is both an Affiliate Member and a country with ongoing programs.

^ CARE Germany-Luxembourg has offices in both Germany and Luxembourg.