“No one is safe until everyone is safe.”

The pandemic year 2020 was an exceptional situation for all of us and it served as a reminder of a strong injustice: The poorest of the poor are always hit hardest by such crises. Lockdowns led to loss of income, disrupted supply chains led to rising food prices and hunger. Domestic and gender-based violence proved to be a “shadow pandemic”, happening around the globe, affecting mostly women. Meanwhile, basic health care and access to immunization remains unaffordable and out of reach for millions.

But CARE continued to stay and deliver in 2020. Our global network acted quickly to set up COVID-19 emergency response programs in 69 countries around the world, reaching 30 million people by the end of 2020. Meanwhile, our humanitarian and development work continued wherever possible. In 2020, CARE International reached 92.3 million people in 104 countries worldwide. Gender justice is at the heart of what we do. To this day, in countless societies women and girls do not enjoy equal rights and opportunities. Their health, empowerment and self-determination is what drives CARE’s work.

In 2020, CARE Germany reached around 3.8 million people in 129 projects and 39 countries. We focused on life-saving emergency aid in crises, fought against hunger, helped to protect communities from the spread of COVID-19 and worked tirelessly to combat the effects of the global climate crisis. Two regions have been the focus of our efforts: 34 percent of programs were implemented in Africa, 45 percent in the Middle East. CARE teams provided humanitarian assistance in Syria and Yemen under most difficult conditions. The deadly explosion in Beirut also called for rapid assistance in Lebanon’s shaken capital. In the Horn of Africa, we worked with communities to strengthen their resilience to the effects of climatic change. In refugee settlements, from Sudan to Bangladesh to Iraq, CARE teams stood side by side with communities in need.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who trusts in and supports our work!

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In 2020, CARE Germany recorded 60.5 million euros in revenue. This is an overall increase by 3 million euros compared to 2019 and allows for even more long-term planning and greater impact. Our program expenses amounted to 57.3 million euros. 52 percent of CARE’s funding came from institutional donors, many of which CARE has worked trustfully together for many years.

In 2020, our most important donors included the European Union, the German Federal Foreign Office and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. We are grateful for these strong partnerships. We also received great support from companies and foundations. At the heart of CARE’s work are 65,681 individual donors who placed their trust in us in 2020.

CARE uses nearly 85 percent of its expenditure to implement humanitarian and development projects worldwide. 50 percent are spent on donor communication and marketing. 4 percent are allocated for quality control and administration, 1 percent is invested in statutory education and training, 10 percent are spent on donor communication and marketing. 4 percent are allocated for quality control and administration, and 1 percent is invested in statutory education and training.

Our overall aim is to implement our projects as efficiently and transparently as possible. Every euro donated to CARE has proven impact.

52.12 %
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25.32 %
Private donations, court fines, bequests, and membership fees
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4.28 %
Latin America
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Asia and Oceania
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Middle East
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21.84 %
Cooperation partners
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8.83 %
Project funding and management
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9.94 %
Advertising and public relations
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1.15 %
Statutory campaigning, educational and awareness raising work
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0.72 %
Interest and other income
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2.08 %
General administration
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In 2020, CARE Germany reached 3.8 million people in 129 humanitarian and poverty-fighting projects in 39 countries. This simple truth cannot be stated often enough: The climate crisis is hitting the poorest of the poor so hard that they can hardly recover. Those who are barely contributing to global warming are bearing the brunt of the negative consequences. 2020 was yet another year of extreme weather events: heavy floods unseen in a century in Sudan and Vietnam, cyclones in India and Bangladesh, droughts in Pakistan and Madagascar.

The list could go on and on. For more than two decades, CARE has been working on the ground to help communities recover and build their resilience towards climatic changes. We were one of the first aid organizations to recognize the destructive potential of global warming, and since then have also been working on the political stage: with facts from the ground and voices of affected communities to remind industrialized countries of their responsibility and to fight for global climate justice.

Mandatory face masks, lockdown, working from home: the corona pandemic has had a massive impact around the world. But does it affect men and women equally? In every crisis, CARE conducts a rapid gender analysis to find out how different genders are affected and what support they need. At the start of the pandemic CARE undertook such an analysis in 37 countries: 55 percent of women surveyed said they had lost income because of COVID-19, compared to 34 percent of men. 41 percent of women had to reduce their meals, the same goes for 30 percent of the men surveyed. Nearly one-third of women – and one in ten men – complained that their mental health suffered due to the pandemic restrictions. In addition, a particular burden for women was unpaid work such as childcare, supporting elders and doing housework and domestic violence. Such data collection helps CARE to target our assistance to the actual needs of people and to apply political and public pressure to address inequalities.

CARE countries 2020

1. Afghanistan
2. Albania
3. Armenia
4. Australia
5. Azerbaijan
6. Bangladesh
7. Belgium
8. Bolivia
9. Bosnia and Herzegovina
10. Botswana
11. Cambodia
12. Cameroon
13. Canada
14. Chad
15. Colombia
16. Costa Rica
17. Croatia
18. Cuba
19. Czech Republic
20. Democratic Republic of the Congo
21. Denmark
22. Djibouti
23. Dominican Republic
24. Ecuador
25. Egypt
26. El Salvador
27. Ethiopia
28. Fiji
29. Finland
30. French Guiana
31. Georgia
32. Germany
33. Ghana
34. Greece
35. Guatemala
36. Guinean
37. Haiti
38. Honduras
39. India
40. Indonesia
41. Iran
42. Iraq
43. Italy
44. Japan
45. Jordan
46. Kenya
47. Kiribati
48. Kosovo
49. Kyrgyzstan
50. Laos
51. Latvia
52. Lebanon
53. Luxembourg
54. Madagascar
55. Malawi
56. Mali
57. Mozambique
58. Morocco
59. Mozambique
60. Myanmar
61. Niger
62. Nigeria
63. North Macedonia
64. Norway
65. Pakistan
66. Palestine (West Bank & Gaza)
67. Panama
68. Papua New Guinea
69. Peru
70. Poland
71. Portugal
72. Romania
73. Rwanda
74. Senegal
75. Serbia
76. Sierra Leone
77. Solomon Islands
78. Somalia
79. South Africa
80. South Sudan
81. Sri Lanka
82. Sudan
83. Switzerland
84. Syria
85. Tajikistan
86. Tanzania
87. Thailand
88. Timor-Leste
89. Togo
90. Tonga
91. Tunisia
92. Turkey
93. Turkmenistan
94. UG
95. Uganda
96. United Kingdom
97. United States of America
98. Vanuatu
99. Venezuela
100. Vietnam
101. Yemen
102. Zambia
103. Zimbabwe
104. Zimbabwé