CLIMATE CHANGE & RESILIENCE PLATFORM (CCRP)

Global effort for local solutions

ABOUT CCRP

CARE’s Climate Change and Resilience Platform (CCRP) is an open-access platform of colleagues from all over the world working on issues related to climate change and resilience. The CCRP is an endeavor of CARE International, endorsed and actively supported by various members. The CCRP Global Leader oversees the platform and leads a core team of experts that are responsible for the delivery of a joint annual work plan. The team is coordinated by CARE Netherlands and comprises colleagues based in different CARE offices in “the South” and “the North” with full and part-time commitments. The CCRP engages with a diverse set of individuals and institutions, both within and outside of CARE, that support CARE’s work in key outcome areas and other approach elements, such as inclusive governance and gender equality.

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

CARE is a global leader in climate change and is the pioneer of community based adaptation. CARE is acknowledged by donors, implementation and advocacy partners, researchers, and peers for its expertise in adaptation, but also for successful work in natural resource management; climate-resilient agriculture; disaster risk reduction; and linking its work on women’s empowerment, inclusive governance, and humanitarian action to its resilience building efforts. CARE’s capacity and track record offers:

- Over 20 years of experience on natural resource and environment management;
- Cultivation and global leadership of community-based adaptation;
- Development of tools and models backed by testing, rigorous evaluation and academic research;
- A recognized, distinctive and consistent voice in global policy dialogues and change processes;
- Innovation of techniques and approaches that drive integration and improved program quality.

CORE TEAM FUNCTION

1. Coordinating CARE’s collective effort on climate change and resilience
2. Contributing technical, knowledge/learning, and strategic support on climate change and resilience to specific programmes within work and outcome areas
3. Leading CARE’s policy advocacy on climate change and resilience
4. Leading CARE’s fundraising on climate change and resilience
5. Leading CARE’s communications on climate change and resilience
6. Leading CARE’s work in climate resilient agriculture
7. Representing the CCRP and its agenda in key CI bodies and working groups

MISSION

The CCRP will support and strengthen the ability of CARE’s country offices to increase resilience and to tackle the causes and consequences of climate change. This will be pursued by building capacities and growing CARE’s impact, influence and income to better serve the needs of the vulnerable. The CCRP seeks to improve coherence and efficiency, and foster innovation based on a joint annual work plan focusing on three Value Propositions:

1. Building a global platform for a global organization;
2. Delivering on CARE International’s Global Programme Strategy 2020 by integrating resilience and climate change;
3. Advancing local to global to local advocacy.

WAY OF WORKING

The CCRP builds on a decade of successful, interdependent work within CARE on climate change and resilience issues. It will develop joint work projects and seek collaboration with projects and programmes across CARE. The core team will facilitate linkages between CCRP members and broker access to knowledge, technical services and other resources, including consultants where necessary; this will be based on a joint annual work plan endorsed by the CCRP council. The CCRP will work virtually, seeking to minimize CARE’s environmental and carbon footprints.

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WHY IS CLIMATE CHANGE AND RESILIENCE IMPORTANT TO CARE?

Shocks and stresses negatively affect CARE’s impact on eradicating poverty and overcoming social injustice. Increasing the resilience of those we work with, and of our programs, will increase our success towards reaching CARE’s 2020 objective. Climate change and its impacts are multipliers of risk. The present danger that vulnerable communities face because of climate change cannot be ignored. Climate change, environmental degradation, natural hazards, conflict and other crises require that we build resilience of communities and systems to withstand sudden shocks and long term stresses. We know from evidence that increasing resilience within CARE’s interventions and advocacy will:

- Multiply impact by promoting risk reduction, adaptation, and transformation
- Create higher levels of impact across all sectoral programming
- Have more sustainable environmental, social and economic impact

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY INCREASING RESILIENCE?

Increasing resilience is not an outcome that can be achieved within a specific time frame, but an ongoing process. CARE’s approach to increasing resilience, developed through a consultative process, involves working with communities and individuals to build their assets and capacities to deal with shocks and stresses. Our approach also addresses the underlying drivers of risk that cause disasters: we aim to build a supportive and enabling environment in which communities and individuals survive and thrive.

BUDGET

The CCRP has a modest operational budget, provided by investing members, to cover essential CCRP-related travel, policy advocacy, communications work, trainings and workshops, and other strategic activities. The core team will work with CARE members to increase unrestricted funds, as well as strategic project-based funding to meet increasing demands for technical support and other activities.

COST RECOVERY & SUSTAINABILITY

By collaborating with members and country offices on programmes and proposals, the CCRP aims to recover the costs of the core team through programme funding and, in the longer term, manage strategic knowledge and innovation programmes and global advocacy. For well-planned and strategic initiatives which focus on climate change and resilience, the CCRP will provide technical support on a cost recovery basis, including proposal development and review, capacity building, and strategic program support. The CCRP core team hosts rich expertise in resilience, climate change, integrated risk management, micro-insurance, social protection, risk reduction, food security, climate change advocacy and communications and strategic programming.

GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY

The CCRP is supported by a Council of investing members (Jan ‘18: Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Netherlands, UK, and USA). The Council steers strategic planning, contributes resources, endorses the work plan and budget, and acts as an ambassador group for CARE’s climate change and resilience work.

For more information about climate change and resilience resources, tools, approaches and evidence, check the CARE climate change website careclimatechange.org
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