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Defending Dignity.
Fighting Poverty.

International Day of the Girl Child 2013!

Why Girls?

CARE Kenya

"She grows and gives and grows even when she does not receive."
We care about girls in our programming because we have to break the endless cycle of girls getting less food, less education, more work, less playing time than boys. When they grow into women, the cycle continues, until finally they have their own children who get treated differently based on their gender.

CARE Burundi

"To protect a Girl is to protect the future."
Girls are called to become women, mothers and leaders of tomorrow. If we don't work with them today, the future is compromised and we will have more work to do tomorrow. Girls are vulnerable to Gender Based Violence and early marriages. If they are not protected today, they will not be good leaders of tomorrow. We work with girls to sensitise them about education for capacity building and the right against poverty.

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CARE Ethiopia

"Defending girls is defending our future"
We work with pastoralist girls particularly the most vulnerable by supporting them to exercise their rights and have a improved and sustained quality of life. We do this by providing effective girls' empowerment support structures within communities and schools including customary and formal institutions. Also, we promote the availability and use of quality girl-friendly services and advocate for the abandonment of harmful traditional practices.

CARE South Sudan

"Girls are equally important in society"
Our work with girls promotes social justice between communities to ensure that girls access their rights and enjoy them. We also promote gender equality between girls and boys and ensure that girls access opportunities too. Through our emergency response programmes, we focus on women and girls as we see the value addition to empowering them through skills development, access to rights and other services.

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CARE Tanzania

"Girls are better able to plan their future"
We believe that inclusion of girls will have a tremendous effect on national development, thus on poverty reduction and also help to achieve diversity. Supporting girls is an excellent entry point to challenge traditional cultural behaviours, a change of which will eventually benefit the girls. Girls in developing countries who receive seven years of schooling have more choices in life - they get to marry an average of four years later and having 2.2 fewer children.

CARE Somalia

"Girls are intelligent"
We continue to promote community support for girls' education. Also, we advocate for gender sensitive policies by the Ministry of Education in Somalia. Our hope is that the number of girls in the rural areas shall increase and that they will be able to access, receive and complete a quality primary and secondary education.

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CARE Uganda

"Girls, like any other individual have a right to be themselves"
We believe that girls are the future generation, the mothers of the nation. They are the source of production and reproduction. Our work aims to promote early engagement of girls in social, economic and political process in order to make a difference. Every girl has the right to be appreciated, to explore her potential, to contribute to development processes and love for who she is rather than what she is worth, what she will bring, how she will behave or whom she will eventually live with.

CARE Rwanda

"Girls are strong"
We believe that in a country with a patriarchal system, girls face gender barriers ranging from lack of access to important services and resources to lack of control and violation of rights because they are girls. This put girls in a position of inferiority compared to boys. Our programming supports vulnerable women, orphans and other vulnerable children. Our efforts deliberately focus on girls' education and leadership.

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CARE Sudan

"Protecting girls defends their dignity"
Working with girls in Sudan let us observe societal subjectivity to harmful cultural practices towards girls such as Female Genital Mutilation/Clitoridectomy, early marriage, physical domestic violence and other manifestations of SGBV. Our work aims to empower women and girls through access to better family planning and maternal health services.

CARE DRC

"Empowering a girl empowers a community"
We work with women and men to change attitudes and views about sexual and gender-based violence and break the cycles of violence and discrimination against women and girls. Training men and women as community educators has been successful as they share their knowledge within the communities to help break the taboo and stigma associated with violence. Changing practices and norms takes time, but it starts with community educators who are determined to share their knowledge and lead the way.

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CARE East and Central Africa

Regional Management Unit

“Girls promise a lasting positive change”

Our work in East and Central Africa (ECA) seeks to improve the lives of the most vulnerable in communities. In Emergencies however, the most vulnerable are unfortunately often women and girls who are disproportionately affected by drought, conflict, flooding and other emergencies prevalent in the region. Our emergency programming in ECA places emphasis on gender sensitivity in interventions with emergency projects not only targeting women but also factoring their needs in vulnerability assessments. With our continued efforts to support girls, we hope that this will in the long run help us defend dignity and fight poverty across our region.

