








CASCADE

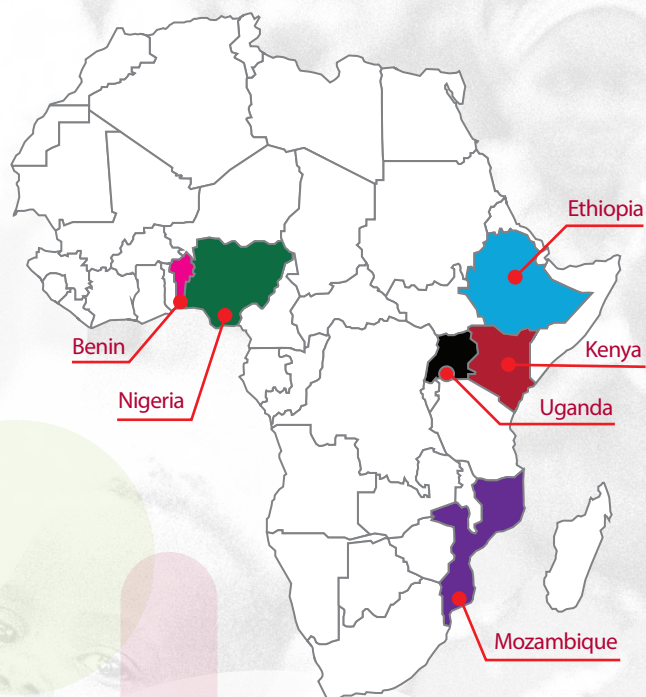
CASCADE, short for 'CAlyzing Strengthened policy aCtion for heAlthy Diets and resilienceE', is a program implemented by a consortium led by CARE and GAIN, organisations with long-standing experience in addressing malnutrition at the community and household level and advocating for greater government engagement for sustainable food systems.

CASCADE leverages on **CARE's and GAIN's** experience and expertise in system's strengthening and food systems transformation to achieve its **main objectives**:

1. *Increase access to and consumption of healthy diets among household members in six programme countries, particularly women of reproductive age and children,*
2. *Increase resilience to economic- and climate change-related shocks and stresses of household members in the six programme countries, particularly women of reproductive age and children.*

The **five-year program**, with a budget of 60 million EUR from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) is implemented between 2022-2026. CASCADE engages in collaborative efforts with government bodies, private service providers, and communities around five domains:

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Domain 1 – Strengthened Policy Implementation
- Domain 2 - Supportive Private Service**

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Domain 3 - Strengthened Community Structures
- Domain 4 – Women's Empowerment / Gender Equality**

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Domain 5 - Strengthened Coordination among Food System Actors and Processes



CASCADE employs multiple advocacy strategies, from sub-national to national and global level, to strengthen policy implementation of nutrition related policies. It draws on CARE's and GAIN's approaches, focusing on **social accountability, good governance, health system's strengthening, multisectoral coordination, resource mobilization, private sector engagement and climate-resilient agricultural practices**. It also strengthens community structures through **community mobilisation and civil society engagement** for collective pressure for changes in the food system, and collaborates with the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) networks across the six countries to address malnutrition. **Gender, social norm equality and behaviour change** are cross cutting strategies, both an essential goal and a means to magnify impact.



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