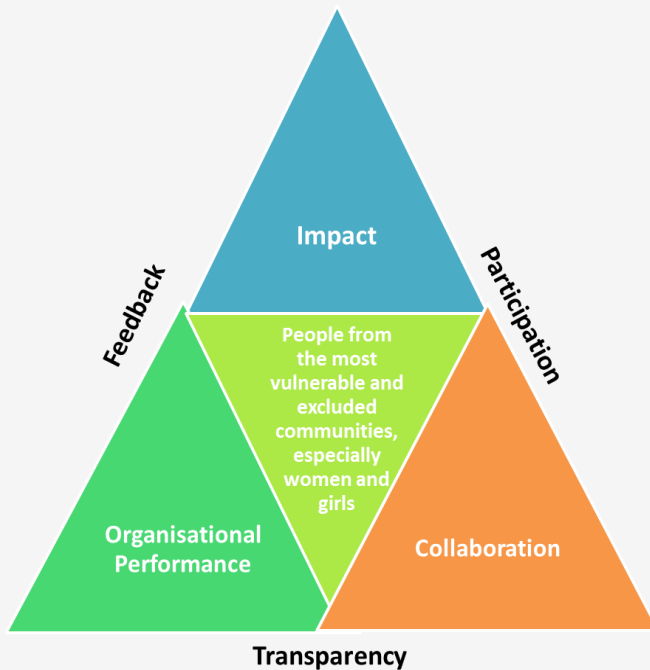


CARE International Accountability Framework

CARE is committed to accountable, just and sustainable development that benefits the most vulnerable and excluded communities around the world, especially women and girls. A core part of our work is promoting inclusive governance and processes for citizens to interact with and interrogate governments and institutions to strengthen their performance. We recognize that as a large international organisation, we too must be held to account. CARE defines accountability as explaining, being held responsible for and hearing the perspectives of others about how well we are meeting our commitments - and then actively making changes and improvements based on what we've learned and heard.

We have committed to deliver a bold set of impact goals, to collaborate with others to do so and to perform in a way that makes the best use of the resources entrusted to us. Throughout we are committed to behaving as an open, transparent organisation that is set up to encourage participation in shaping our work and hearing feedback on how we are doing. We use a CARE wide Accountability Framework to regularly collect, analyse and discuss a mix of data, information and evidence to assess these commitments and answer the following questions:

- To what extent are we making progress against our impact goals and shared priorities? What gaps do we need to address, where do we need to accelerate?
- How vibrant is our network overall, and each CARE office within it? Where are the areas for improvement and organisational development?
- How well are we collaborating with key stakeholders and engaging key constituents? How do they regard us?
- To what extent are we modeling the principles of transparency, feedback, and participation in our internal ways of working and externally?



Our Commitments

Impact: CARE and our partners' contribution to bringing about sustainable change in the fight against poverty and injustice, specifically through our commitment to support 150 million people from the most vulnerable and excluded communities to overcome poverty and social injustice by 2020. We measure this through a set of 25 global outcome and change indicators.

Organisational Performance: CARE commits to being an efficient, effective and equitable organisation that makes best use of the resources entrusted to us to deliver on our impact. We assess the health of our network, our ways of working, the progress on our strategic directions and our future-oriented organisational development. We monitor performance standards and analyse key programmatic, financial, human resource, gender, and good governance data. We also assess how well we are upholding our internal policies and meeting the external commitments we have publically signed on to.

Collaboration: CARE believes in the power of collaboration for greater impact, and is committed to strengthening how we partner and engage with others. We evaluate the relevance and strength of our collaborations – the wide range of actors and communities with whom we partner, those who fund our work, those who mobilise with us to influence change and the governments that host us – and how well we enable and unleash the potential of these collaborations.

CARE integrates our core accountability principles throughout and monitors how well we are enacting them:

Transparency – The opportunity to see and understand

Feedback – The opportunity to share input, concerns, suggestions for improvement and to get a response

Participation – The opportunity to be actively involved and help shape strategy and decision-making